

**FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION**

**FREEDOM OF INFORMATION/PRIVACY ACTS SECTION**

**SUBJECT: FRANK "BUSTER" WORTMAN**

**FILE NUMBER: 92-2810 SECTION 5**



FBI

Date: 1-27-61

Transmit the following in \_\_\_\_\_

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Wic AIRTEL

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI  
FROM SAC, SPRINGFIELD (92-359)  
RE: FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, aka "Buster"  
ALLEGED INFLUENCE OVER LABOR AND  
SUBCONTRACTORS AT THE NEW U. S. FEDERAL  
PRISON CONSTRUCTION AT CRAB ORCHARD  
WILDLIFE REFUGE, RURAL ROUTE 2, CARTERVILLE, ILL.  
ANTI-RACKETEERING; FRAUD AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT

Re Buairtel, 1-24-61.

Enclosed herewith are four copies of a letterhead memorandum revised as indicated in reairtel.

GIBBONS

- 3 - Bureau (Encs. 4)  
1 - Birmingham (Info.) (Enc. 1)  
2 - Springfield (92-359, 92-112)

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1- Director, Bureau of Prisons 0-6-A

1- RAB Crim 0-6-A

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Approved: *[Signature]*

Special Agent in Charge

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Springfield, Illinois  
January 27, 1961

FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, aka "Buster"  
ALLEGED INFLUENCE OVER LABOR AND  
SUBCONTRACTORS AT THE NEW U. S.  
FEDERAL PRISON CONSTRUCTION AT CRAB  
ORCHARD WILDLIFE REFUGE, RURAL ROUTE 2,  
CARTERVILLE, ILLINOIS  
ANTI-RACKETEERING;  
FRAUD AGAINST THE GOVERNMENT

Construction of a new maximum security Federal prison on the Crab Orchard Wildlife Refuge, Rural Route 2, Carterville, Illinois, is contemplated during the next 30-90 days. According to local newspapers, bids have been received for the general contract which totals nearly \$8,000,000. Blount Brothers Construction Company of Alabama has reportedly submitted the low bid somewhat over \$7,000,000 for the general contract. According to newspaper accounts, it is estimated that nearly \$1,000,000 has already been spent in clearing, filling, and grading of the 600-acre prison tract on the Crab Orchard Wildlife Refuge.

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FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN

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FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, aka "BUSTER" is presently under indictment in United States District Court, Eastern District of Illinois, East St. Louis, Illinois, charged with Federal income tax evasion and conspiracy to evade Federal income taxes. WORTMAN is commonly referred to in the St. Louis, Missouri, and East St. Louis, Illinois, press as the head of a criminal organization principally engaged in gambling known as WORTMAN and Associates. The press alleges that he is the major racketeer in the metropolitan St. Louis area which also covers the St. Clair County, Illinois, area on the east side of the Mississippi River.

WORTMAN resides near Collinsville, Illinois.

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Date: 2/1/61

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Via AIRTELAIRMAIL

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM: SAC, ST. LOUIS [REDACTED] b2 b10 JUNE

SUBJECT: FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, aka  
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Re Springfield airtel 1/26/61.

Reairtel requested St. Louis submit observations to the Bureau concerning possibility of [REDACTED] installation in the office of EDMER SYLVESTER DOWLING at the Plaza Amusement Company, St. Louis, Mo. b7E

There is no information available indicating that the office at the Plaza Amusement Company is used for any purpose other than the transaction of legitimate business. It is known that the office at the Plaza Amusement Company is [REDACTED] b7C

[REDACTED] Current information indicates that DOWLING actually spends very little time in that office. Therefore, it is not believed that such installation would be justifiably productive, and therefore no such request is being made to consider such installation.

- 3 - Bureau (REGISTERED MAIL) (RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED)  
1 - Springfield (66-1368) (PERSONAL ATTENTION) (RM) (RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED)  
1 - St. Louis  
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Date: 1-26-61

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI JUNE  
 FROM SAC, SPRINGFIELD (66-1368)  
 RE: FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, aka  
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Re Bureau telephone call January 17, 1961, from Supervisor [redacted] concerning the possibility of installing two Misur installations in the Springfield Division. Reference is also made to prior correspondence under the above caption reflecting that the Springfield Division has already given considerable consideration to Misur installation in the home of WORTMAN. A review of the entire top hoodlum situation in the Springfield Division reflects that WORTMAN and his group are the only hoodlums of sufficient prominence to warrant consideration of Misur treatment.

I have carefully reviewed this entire situation and have personally examined all of the pertinent physical establishments operated by the WORTMAN group. From the information known to the Springfield Division from all sources, WORTMAN is currently operating in the present manner. At this time his entire operations are conducted from his residence which is called the "Moat". As previously pointed out to the Bureau, the name selected by WORTMAN for his residence is particularly suitable. This is not a home in the usual sense. This is a fortress. Similar type residences have been built by WORTMAN's principal lieutenants. WORTMAN appears to spend virtually all of his waking day in the "Moat". When he needs to consult with one or more of his hoodlums he makes a telephone call to the Paddock Lounge in East St. Louis, which is one of his establishments and the prior location of his headquarters operation.

- 3 - Bureau (RM) AE EX-113 REC-4 92-2810-73  
 2 - Chicago (PERSONAL ATTENTION) (RM)  
 2 - St. Louis (PERSONAL ATTENTION) (RM)  
 1 - Springfield

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The Paddock Lounge is a combination bar and restaurant. A number of the members of WORTMAN's group habitually hang out at the Paddock Lounge, so that someone is always available there to carry out any instructions or locate any individual that WORTMAN may desire to see and talk to. The management of the Paddock Lounge has been in the hands of SAM MAGIN. MAGIN has been under prosecution by the Internal Revenue Bureau for tax evasion, has been convicted of perjury, has exhausted all appeals, has been denied probation, and is scheduled to go to the penitentiary within the next few days. [REDACTED]

Another key man in the WORTMAN setup is ELMER SYLVESTER DOWLING who appears to hold the position of trouble-shooter for WORTMAN and appears to be utilized to enforce instructions wherever WORTMAN is experiencing a little trouble among his group and otherwise to fulfill special and presumably highly confidential assignments for WORTMAN. DOWLING has an office in the Plaza Amusement Company in St. Louis, Missouri. The company is, of course, a WORTMAN operation although DOWLING has office space and he is not actively engaged in the operation of the Plaza Amusement Company insofar as it can be ascertained.

For the Bureau's further information, WORTMAN and DOWLING are currently under indictment for tax evasion and conspiracy to violate the Internal Revenue laws and it is anticipated their trials will commence in May, 1961.

From the above summary it will be readily observed that the key locations for Misur installations are the "Moat", the Paddock Lounge, and the office of DOWLING in St. Louis. The following recommendations are made:

The "Moat"

This establishment is located in the vicinity of

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Collinsville, Illinois

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WORTMAN is believed to use the telephone far more frequently than the average hoodlum and this is necessary in view of his current tendency to virtually never leave the "Moat".

It is believed that an immediate Tesur installation would be profitable and productive by supplying a great deal of more detailed information concerning his exact method of operation. I am not aware of the previous use of Tesurs in connection with top hoodlums and in the event there is any policy against such use I highly recommend that this particular situation be considered as a possible exception to any existing policy to the contrary.

The Bureau is requested to advise as to whether the Springfield Division may submit the necessary justification form requesting permission to institute Tesur installation of the "Moat".

Obviously Misur installation is highly desirable and this situation has been thoroughly surveyed. Several months ago it was hoped that WORTMAN in connection with transfer of his scene of operations from the Paddock Lounge to the "Moat" would be obliged to request additional telephone service at the "Moat".

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However, it is known that WORTMAN has a plug-in type telephone in virtually every room in the house. The house was custom built and prewired by the contractor with the necessary plug-in receptacles.

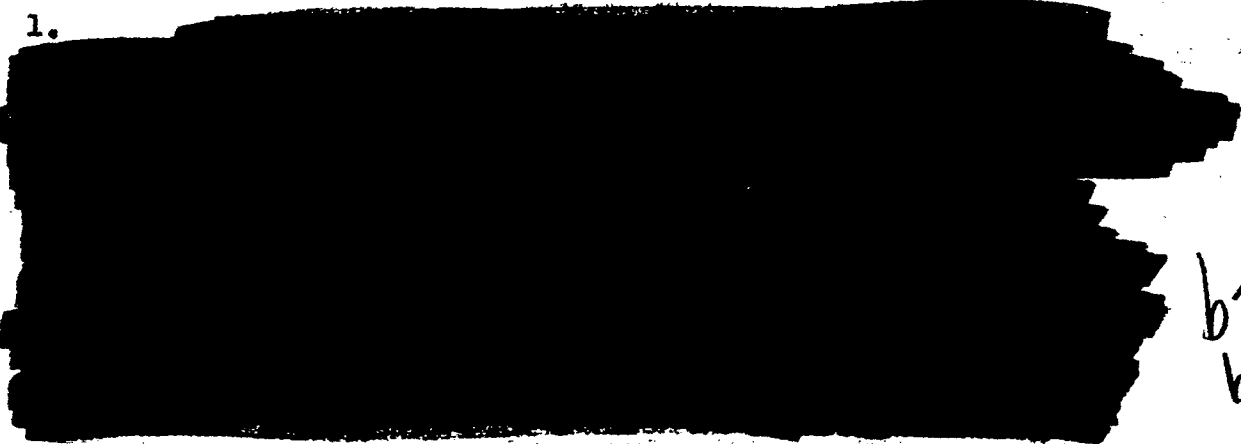


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It is believed that the following procedures would be absolutely necessary to establish Misur installation:

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The Bureau is requested to advise the Springfield Division if it will be permitted to conduct the necessary detailed surveys to proceed along the lines outlined above and, if so, to also authorize the Chicago Division to [REDACTED]

## The Paddock Lounge

This establishment is located in East St. Louis, Illinois, and in territory covered by the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company with headquarters in St. Louis, Missouri. The Lounge occupies the ground floor of the two-story building. In the Lounge itself Misur installation would be

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productive in the ceiling of the office formerly occupied  
by SAM MAGIN.

Also a ceiling wisur over the three booths  
habitually occupied by the WORTMAN crowd might conceivably  
be productive.

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Obviously this operation would involve considerable expense, both in money and in the use of personnel.

The Bureau is requested to consider this matter and advise the Springfield Division as to whether it will authorize the necessary detail surveys and submission of necessary justification forms in connection with the above proposed operation against the Paddock Lounge.

**Plaza Amusement Company**

This establishment is located in St. Louis, Missouri, and in the territory serviced by the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company. While it is appreciated this is within the discretion of the St. Louis Division rather than the Springfield Division, it is believed that coverage of the WORTMAN group should include the consideration of possible installation in the office of ELMER SYLVESTER DOWLING. St. Louis is requested to submit its observations to the Bureau concerning this possibility.

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TO: SAC, Springfield (66-1368)

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FROM: Director, FBI

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FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, aka.

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Reurairtel 1/26/61.

Provided complete security is assured, authority is granted to make a current survey of the residence of Wortman and the Paddock Lounge to determine the feasibility of misur installations. In making the survey of the Wortman residence,

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**Airtel to Springfield**  
**Re: Frank Leonard Wortman, aka.**

**With reference to the possibility of an installation**  
**at the Paddock Lounge,**



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**Advise the Bureau of the results of your survey**  
**and furnish appropriate forms FD-142 for the Wortman residence**  
**and the Paddock Lounge by 2/20/61.**

**NOTE** Frank Leonard Wortman and his associates dominate all  
racket activities in the East St. Louis, Ill., and St. Louis,  
Mo., areas. Wortman has contacts with  and other  
prominent CG hoodlums and appears to be involved in police and  
political fixes in Southern Ill. b7C

SI in response to Bureau instructions has submitted  
suggestions relative to the possible establishment of microphone  
surveillances on Wortman at his home and at the Paddock Lounge  
where he and his associates meet and on the office of Elmer Sylveste  
Dowling, a Wortman lieutenant who resides in St. Louis.  
St. Louis is responding separately as to the possibility of  
coverage on Dowling.



SAC, Springfield (92-112)

2/21/61

Director, FBI (92-2810)

FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, AKA.,  
ANTI-RACKETEERING

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- W.C. Sullivan \_\_\_\_\_
- Tele. Room \_\_\_\_\_
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Via AIRTEL

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2810)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (92-112)

FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, aka  
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DAILY AIRTEL

On 2-17-61, captioned subject was interviewed by agents of this office in reference to case entitled [REDACTED]

The following interview took place at the most property residence of the subject. He refused to permit agents to enter the house, and interview was conducted on front patio.

WORTMAN maintained a casual acquaintanceship with [REDACTED] but had never employed him; WORTMAN acknowledged acquaintanceship with numerous [REDACTED] associates, some of whom were described by WORTMAN as "his boys". WORTMAN said his "fellows" are instructed not to resort to crimes of violence of any kind and if he finds they are so engaged, they are kicked out of his organization. WORTMAN acknowledged that his "fellows" are all making a good living and do not have to commit burglaries, robberies, etc. WORTMAN denied any knowledge of association of [REDACTED] and said he was surprised [REDACTED] was engaged in such a crime, and as far as he knew, [REDACTED]

C C. Wick

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- ③ - Bureau (92-2810) (AM)
- 1 - St. Louis (92-191) (Info.)
- 4 - Springfield (92-112)
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It is noted that previous information was developed that WORTMAN was incensed when MUELLER was apprehended in connection with this burglary since WORTMAN felt that it would "increase the heat" upon him.

WORTMAN further claimed he has "straightened out" a number of his boys and does not believe any of them would be involved in a bank burglary. WORTMAN claims his organization has had no handbook operation since passage of Federal Raging, Far Law and if "any of his boys" are doing any book making, it is without his knowledge or consent.

While at WORTMAN's residence, the vehicle of [REDACTED] a WORTMAN lieutenant in the policy racket, approached the moat and upon observing Bureau car immediately turned around and left. WORTMAN, on seeing the vehicle approach, walked quickly to the edge of the patio and asked, "Is that one of your fellows or one of mine?". WORTMAN seemed concerned about the situation. After agents left, a spot check of the moat reflected [REDACTED] vehicle parked in front of the moat.

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It is noted  
St. Louis press on 2-16-61 carried article with Washington

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Special Agent in Charge



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Date Line reflecting JOHN SCHAUER, Assistant Attorney General, from Washington, had arrived in East St. Louis to take care of the WORTMAN case and was to be assisted by PAUL KOMIVEZ, also Assistant Attorney General from Washington.

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FBI

Date: 2-20-61

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Via AirtelAirmail

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI  
 Attention: Identification Division  
 FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (92-112)

FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, aka  
 ETAL  
 ANTIRACKETEERING

The Identification Division is requested to forward two copies of the identification records of the following named individuals, all of whom are associates of the WORTMAN organization:

1- GEORGE HARVILL, FBI #23967B.  
 2- MELVIN BECKMAN, FBI #4702429.

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 2 - Springfield (92-112)

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Invoice of Contents from  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Date February 28, 1961

Case References

Consigned to:

Mr. Robert D. Gibbons  
Springfield, Illinois

FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, aka; AR  
Airtel 2/21/61

List of Contents  
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1 Quick-set tripod

REGISTERED MAIL

3/1/61  
Mr. Parsons, 7621  
Mr. Conrad, 7621

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OFFICE MEMORANDUM - UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

To: Director, FBI

Date: 2/22/61

From: SAC, Salt Lake City ( 94-281 )

Subject: FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, aka;  
ELMER SYLVESTER DOWLING, aka;  
EDWARD WORTMAN, JR., aka  
ANTI-RACKETEERING

Bufile # 92-2810, 92-2809

Due to the opening of the Las Vegas Office, the following changes in the above case have been made:

A. Location of File

- (X ) Entire file sent to Las Vegas herewith.  
( ) File sent to Las Vegas, except one copy of the following serials.  
( ) File retained in Salt Lake City but one copy of following serials sent to Las Vegas.

Report of SA \_\_\_\_\_

Dated \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

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Dated \_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_

B. Office of Origin

- ( ) Salt Lake City  
( ) Las Vegas  
(X ) Other Office as shown in file, Springfield

C. Status, SU Office

- ( ) Pending  
(X ) RUC

- 3 - Bureau  
1 - Las Vegas (Encl.s 2 ) RUC (92-372)  
1 - Salt Lake City (65-1071)  
3 - Springfield (92-112) (92-113) (92-227)  
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FBI

Date: 2-21-61

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Via AIRTELAIR MAIL

(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2810)  
ATTENTION: FBI LABORATORY

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (92-112)

FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, aka  
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It is requested that the Bureau forward to this office a spotting scope along with a stand or support for use for the next 90 days in connection with observation of activities on the "moat" residence of FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN. A scope of 35 power or more would be desirable as observations may necessitate distances of one-half to three-fourths of a mile or more from the residence.

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2 - Springfield (92-112)

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To: SAC, Springfield (92-112)

From: Director, FBI (92-2810) 377

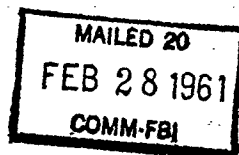
FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, aka  
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You are being furnished separately one Questar telescope, serial #34, with reflex focusing adapter, 40-80X eye piece and 80X eye piece. You are also being furnished one Quick-set tripod for use with this telescope.

The above telescope may be used with or without the reflex focusing adapter, but this adapter puts the image in the correct position. This telescope is focused by means of the small metal knurled knob positioned at the back of the telescope.

The above equipment should be returned to the Laboratory following your present need for this equipment. The Laboratory would be interested in any observations of your use of the above telescope.

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Date: 3-2-61

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Via AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2810)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (92-112)

FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, JR.  
ARDAILY AIRTEL

Surveillance maintained ELMER DOWLING reflects left residence AM, 3-1-61 and drove to Paddock Lounge, E. St. Louis, Illinois, where remained all day.

On 2-28-61, vehicle of [REDACTED], again at "moat" residence during PM; this is same auto in which [REDACTED] visited moat several days ago.

Efforts being continued to obtain observation post covering activity at "moat"; however, only 3 logical locations exist and occupants these farms are fearful of possible retaliation from WORTMAN gang.

E. St. Louis Journal, 3-2-61, carried featured article on front page regarding gambling activities of WORTMAN organization at Checker Inn (dice game) outskirts E. St. Louis, Illinois, and chided St. Clair County authorities for failure to act.

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TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2810)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (92-112)

FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, aka; ET AL  
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TO DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2810)  
FROM SAC, SPRINGFIELD (92-112)  
RE: FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, aka  
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Daily airtel

Observation "Moat" residence 2-28-61, reflects  
1959 Plymouth station wagon visited the "Moat" residence bearing  
Tennessee license [REDACTED] No other  
pertinent activity other than visit by unknown associates.

Surveillance ELMER BOWLING reflects he spent most  
of day at Paddock Lounge, East St. Louis. [REDACTED]

Gambling operation at Checker Inn, East St. Louis,  
again open for business 2-28-61.

Case of KASTNER, CLANCEY and PRINDABLE, WORTMAN  
handbook gambling associates, reversed by U. S. Supreme Court  
as a result of Jencks.

Memphis ascertain subscriber of above Tennessee  
license. Determine if individual has any hoodlum association  
or connections.

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2810)  
FROM SAC, SPRINGFIELD (92-112)  
RE: FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, aka  
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Daily Airtel

Surveillance being conducted daily on ELMER DOWLING,  
WORTMAN's chief lieutenant.

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St. Louis Division will determine details of possible gambling operation at old Red Rooster Club and possibility WORTMAN may use this for meeting place in future. Previous information possessed by Springfield indicates WORTMAN organization did or still owns the above club.

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FROM : SAC, SPRINGFIELD (92-112)

SUBJECT : FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, Aka.  
ABDAILY AIRTEL

On 3/2/61 E. St. Louis Journal ran front page story regarding gambling operations of WORTMAN organization at Checker Inn, East St. Louis and chided local Sheriff and States Attorney, St. Clair County for lack of action.

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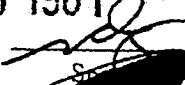
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FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (92-112)

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ARDAILY AIRTEL

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Checker Inn gambling operations, E. St. Louis, determined to have been closed on the afternoon and night of 2-22-61 and also on the afternoon of 2-23-61; also that the bingo gambling operation on the outskirts of E. St. Louis was closed on 2-23-61. Reason unknown for closing these operations, but believed possible because of Governor OTTO KERNER was scheduled to make a speech at Belleville, Ill., on the night of 2-23-61; however, according to the press on 2-22-61, KERNER did not appear because of illness.

GEORGE STOFFEY of E. St. Louis, Ill., previously operator of a handbook operation of the Wortman gang, is scheduled for a retrial February 20, 1961; STOFFEY was convicted previously for violation of wagering stamp violation in US District Court, E. St. Louis, and case was reversed by the Circuit Court of Appeals. STOFFEY is allegedly still operating a handbook in E. St. Louis.

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Bingo operation of WORTMAN organization outskirts of East St. Louis operating night of 2-23-61 with estimated attendance of 6,700 people with a cash jackpot of \$1,300.

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TO DIRECTOR

FROM SPRINGFIELD 061615

FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, AKA; ET AL, AR. REPORT OF SA  
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BEING MADE. REPORT WILL LEAVE SPRINGFIELD MARCH 6,  
INSTANT.

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FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (92-112)

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On 3-5-61, the East St. Louis "Journal", a newspaper, carried a featured article on the front page about the policy operation of the WORTMAN organization and continued to chide local officials for failure to enforce the laws in connection with this operation.

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TO: SACS, SPRINGFIELD  
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FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI

FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, AR. SUREL IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING INFORMATION CONCERNING INCIDENT DURING SURVEILLANCE ON WORTMAN VISITORS. ADVISE BY WHOM INFORMATION RELAYED TO SURVEILLING AGENT AND IF NOT BY ASAC OR SAC, FURNISH REASONS NOT HANDLED BY THEM. ADVISE WHAT INSTRUCTIONS WERE GIVEN TO SA. FURNISH INFORMATION AS TO WHY THE AGENT WAS ALONE ON THIS SURVEILLANCE AND IF THIS WAS BY VIRTUE OF ASSIGNMENT RECEIVED FROM THE SPRINGFIELD OFFICE. IF NO OTHER SPRINGFIELD AGENT IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE TO ACCOMPANY SA, ST. LOUIS ADVISE WHY NECESSARY HELP NOT ASSIGNED BY THAT OFFICE TO ASSIST SA ON SURVEILLANCE. SPRINGFIELD ALSO ADVISE AS TO WHETHER ANY EFFORTS MADE TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE FOR SA ON SURVEILLANCE.

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 RE: FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, aka  
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ReBuairtel 2/24/61.

Enclosed herewith are four copies of a letterhead memorandum reflecting information set forth in Springfield letter to JAY G. PHILPOTT, Director, Internal Revenue, Springfield, Illinois, 12/12/60, a copy of which was enclosed with Springfield airtel to Director 2/14/61.

Also enclosed for the Bureau's attention is a newspaper clipping from the Sunday Journal, East St. Louis, Illinois, setting forth the newspaper's expose' of the same situation. For the Bureau's additional information, the Evening Journal for 2/27/61 reflected that the bingo game had been ordered closed by St. Clair County Sheriff DAN RING and St. Clair County State's Attorney JOHN M. KARNs, JR. The article indicated that RING had announced that all bingo games in the St. Clair County area were to be closed to "see what reaction we will get from the people." KARNs is quoted as saying that it had been evident for some time that several veterans, civic and church organizations were operating bingo games and that everyone realizes the technical requirements of the law in this matter, but that it had been the thinking of most people in the community, considering the relative harm to the good, to condone bingo.

KARNs also stated that a crossword quizzier contest-type puzzle which he alleged had been published regularly in the Journal would also be under scrutiny by his office since it also was a gambling operation. KARNs' emphasis

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in this retribution to the paper exposing the bingo operation was ridiculed by the Journal since it pointed out that they had not run a contest puzzle since December, 1959, more than 15 months ago.

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Of additional interest to the Bureau, the enclosed newspaper clipping under the caption "Officials Know of Operation" sets forth an interview with State Senator JAMES O. MONROE, SR., who allegedly out of the clear blue sky admitted that he had spent a couple of hours with WORTMAN the other afternoon. Apparently this admission was not solicited and undoubtedly resulted from the fact that MONROE had been identified by a Bureau Agent on 2/23/61 when he visited the "Moat" as set forth in Springfield airtel to Director 2/24/61.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE

FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No.

Springfield, Illinois  
February 28, 1961

FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN

Information has been developed that the ~~Southern~~  
~~Recreation Club~~, also known as the ~~Southern Social Club~~,  
~~East St. Louis, Illinois~~, is actually a rather large bingo  
game being operated at 6503 St. Clair Avenue, East St. Louis,  
Illinois, under the auspices of VFW Post #6372 of Washington  
Park, Illinois. The operation was previously located at  
5870 St. Clair Avenue, East St. Louis, Illinois. This bingo  
game has allegedly been operating since June or July, 1959,  
and is reportedly under the complete control and domination  
of members of the WORTMAN organization of the East St. Louis  
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There are allegedly anywhere from 400 to 700 or 800 people who play at the bingo game three nights each week, namely on Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday nights; special buses bring players from St. Louis, Missouri, as well as the Alton, Illinois, area. It has been alleged that the actual proceeds from the bingo games amount to as much as \$5,000 per week or more, and that WORTMAN allegedly receives a percentage of the take.

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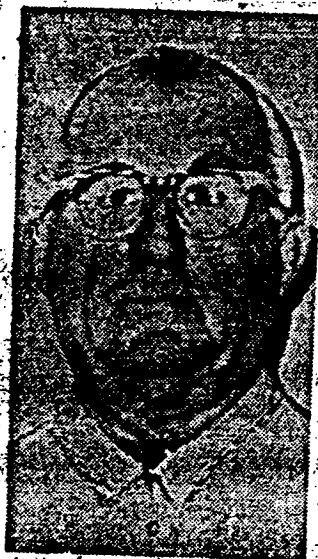
The above information was furnished to the District Director, Internal Revenue Service, Springfield, Illinois, by letter dated 12/12/60 for such action as he might deem appropriate with regard to this operation and for consideration on the possibility that Internal Revenue laws might be violated by the bingo operation.

This document contains neither recommendations nor conclusions of the FBI. It is the property of the FBI and is loaned to your agency; it and its contents are not to be distributed outside your agency.





Edward 'Cocky' Leonard



Thomas P. O'Connor



Sam Shanks



Eugene 'Gene' Tebeau

## 4 of 5 Bingo Operators

# Sentences Punctuate Backgrounds

Four of the five men who represent the Wortman gang interests in the operation of a lucrative VFW-sponsored bingo game in Canteen Township, have long criminal records.

The four, who pose as "legitimate" businessmen in their advanced age, spent long years acquiring their hoodlum reputations, according to criminal records.

The four are Edward Martin "Cocky" Leonard, Sam Shanks, Eugene John "Gene" Tebeau, and Thomas Patrick O'Connor.

O'Connor, 64, of St. Louis, the oldest of the four, is credited with making the largest haul. On

Sept. 10, 1930, five armed men staged a daylight robbery at the Lincoln National Bank in Lincoln, Neb. They escaped with \$2½ million in cash and bonds. In October, 1930, O'Connor was arrested in East St. Louis and again in Peoria as a fugitive and subsequently released. On May, 8, 1931, he was arrested in Springfield, Ill., as a suspected bank robber, and three days later under questioning by Chicago police, was identified in the Lincoln case.

### Robbed Bank Folded

O'Connor was sentenced to a 25-year term in the Nebraska

State Penitentiary on Oct. 30, 1931. He was released Sept. 10, 1941. Only a few of the bonds were recovered from the robbery, which forced the Lincoln National Bank to fold. Since his release O'Connor has been arrested many times through the nation, mostly in St. Louis.

Leonard, 60, of 824 Wenneker Dr., Clayton, Mo., who has used E. M. Ryan, E.-M. McCarty and Edward Walsh as aliases, has been arrested more than 50 times in the St. Louis area. He is an ex-member of the old St. Louis Egan and Colbeck gangs. His arrest record dates back to 1914 when he was nabbed as a juvenile delinquent. He was convicted of assault and battery Jan. 30, 1925, for assaulting a U. S. Mail custodian at Pocahontas, Ill. On March 1, 1925, he pleaded guilty and was sentenced to the federal penitentiary in Leavenworth, Kan., for a 6-year term. He was released in 1929. Later in 1929 he was arrested as a suspected robber in St. Louis, and in 1930 and 1931 was acquitted of kidnaping extortion charges in Kansas City.

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E. M. RYAN

EDWARD LEONARD

E. M. MCCARTY

EDWARD WALSH



#### 60-Year-term

On July 23, 1931, Leonard using the E. M. Ryan alias was sentenced to serve 60 years concurrently in the state penitentiary at Canon City, Colo. This sentence stemmed from a burglary by use of explosives charge in connection with the safe cracking of a Denver dry goods store. He was released from Canon City on Oct. 21, 1940. In 1942 Leonard listed occupation with St. Louis police as a member of the Steamfitters Union. In 1943 he was arrested for carrying burglar tools in Quincy, Ill., and in 1944 was convicted on a federal Explosive Act violation and was sentenced from Federal Court in Springfield to a 1-year term plus a \$5,000 fine.

Tebeau, 57, St. Louis, has an arrest record dating back to 1917,

when he was sent to the state penitentiary in Jefferson City, Mo., for two years on a grand larceny charge. Since then he has been arrested about 50 times. He was convicted again in 1937 and sentenced to 12 years in Leavenworth on a Dyer Act (auto theft) charge. He was released from Leavenworth on July 15, 1945, a few years after area gang boss Frank "Buster" Wortman was released from the same institution.

#### Arrested With Wortman

In the early 1930s, Tebeau was arrested in St. Louis with Edward "Ted" Wortman, Busters' brother. Tebeau's latest arrest was in 1958 when he was picked up in St. Louis as a gambling suspect. He is close to Wortman, serving recently as the night manager of the Paddock Lounge, a Wortman gang meeting place in East St. Louis.

Tebeau is the "bag man"—the man who takes the money for the night's play at the bingo game, and leaves with the "take" in a black, cloth covered, briefcase each night. He makes daily trips to report to Wortman at his moated headquarters in a rural area near Collinsville.

Shanks, 55, of Ferguson, Mo., was sentenced in 1924 to the reformatory in Booneville, Mo., for 17 months on a robbery charge. In 1925 he went back to the same institution for a 5-year term on an attempted robbery charge. In 1930 he was sentenced to the Illinois Penitentiary at Menard from 1 to 20 years for auto theft. In 1939 he was arrested several times in California. In 1940 he began a one-year to life sentence at the Folsom State Prison in California for robbery. He was paroled in 1944.

Since 1944, Shanks has confined his activities to the St. Louis area, with a record of pickups on holdups, armed robbery, auto theft, and rape cases.



# Wortman Aides Operate Bingo

By Charles O. Stewart  
Of the Journal

A tie between the Frank "Buster" Wortman gang and the large-scale bingo game backed by Washington Park Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 6372 in Can-teen Township has been established.

The Wortman gang, area representative for a Chicago-controlled nationwide crime syndicate, directs the bingo at 6503 St. Clair Ave., through five associates. Four of these hoodlums have mile-long criminal records which include arrests for almost every known crime, ranging from rape suspect to conviction for a \$2½ million theft from a Lincoln, Neb., bank.

Thursday night when checked the game was booming with over 500 women and a sprinkling of men at the tables. There were two buses and 110 automobiles in the parking lot surrounding the big corrugated iron building. The crowd was disappointed Thursday. No one hit the \$1,300 jackpot, which will be increased to guarantee an equally large crowd for today's game.

## On Duty Thursday

The five Wortman representatives on duty Thursday, were:

Edward Martin "Cocky" Leonard, 60, ex-member of the old St. Louis Egan and Colbeck gangs and a convicted burglar; Sam Shanks, 55, a convicted robber; Eugene John "Gene" Tebeau, 57, former night manager of Wortman's Paddock Lounge in East St. Louis and a convicted auto thief; Thomas Patrick O'Connor, 64, convicted for the Lincoln bank job; Albert "Al" Danni, about 55, former operator of a bingo game in Collinsville Park, Collinsville, with no criminal record. All but Danni live in the St. Louis area.

Authorities at the VFW Post Home, located at 6113 Forest Blvd., disclaim knowledge of hoodlum connections with the bingo, which attracts hundreds on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Sundays.

"We pay no attention to whom they hire, or what goes on out there. Our only interest is in our 20 per cent monthly cut, which amounts to \$1,000 per month for us," VFW officials have said.

This statement was made by ex-Commander Edgar Hill, after the game was started in July, 1959, in the old Southern Inn, 5870 St. Clair Ave. Since then, the game has mushroomed to the point where expanded quarters were needed. Late last year, the operation was moved to the new location at 6503 St. Clair Ave.

Hill, now a member of the Post's board of trustees, has been succeeded as post commander by Harold Willard. Hill said he headed the post when the first overture was made to get the VFW for a sponsor.

"I originally was contacted by Al Danni of Collinsville with the 20 per cent offer if our Post would sponsor the game.

"I thought it was a fair offer and we needed the cash at the time. The proposition later was approved by the post membership, and we have been receiving our monthly cut ever since."

Records show that Al Danni has been arrested several times by Madison County officials for the operation of a huge bingo game, which he operated in Collinsville. The move for a St. Clair County sponsor came after the "heat" was applied in Madison County.

Reliable sources report the Wortman gang was swift to act after the "door was closed" on Danni in Madison County. The gang contacted Danni with offers of a "cut" of the game if he would serve as a "contact" and supply his idle equipment. Danni agreed, contacted the VFW, and set up the operation. Now, he is one of the overseers on duty each night.

Use of the VFW as a "front" has kept county officials from clamping down on the St. Clair County operation. Sheriff Dan Ring says he will allow bingo games to be operated by non-profit organizations.

Sheriff Ring is on record saying he has talked with the operators but could not establish any hoodlum connection.

Post officials admit the five men, since identified as Wortman associates, keep the nightly records; from these "prepared" records comes the 20 per cent cut.

## Uniformed Parking Attendant

The operation Thursday night was a reminder of periods when area race tracks are open. A uniformed, red flashlight-swinging Canteen Township man directed the heavy flow of traffic crossing St. Clair Avenue before and after the game. His tan station wagon with red flasher light operating, was parked near the gate entrance.

In July, 1959, when the bingo was checked, a man identifying himself as "Edward Walsh" of Edwardsville, said he was one of the operators of the game. He admitted that he has been associated with bingo operations in the area for many years, and pointed to the number of VFW members who are employed at the game.

Thursday night, this same man—known to the bingo crowd as Mr. Walsh—was asked if "you aren't also known as 'Cocky' Leonard."

"Mr. Walsh" strongly denied the reference, commenting that anyone who said differently was a liar.

However, after the game folded Thursday at 11:30 p. m. "Mr. Walsh" came out of the building with four other people, and got behind the steering wheel of an Oldsmobile sedan bearing Missouri license number H55-900. The licenses were issued to an Edward Leonard of 824 Weneker, Dr., Clayton, Mo.

Tebeau, driving a Ford sedan bearing Missouri license BB-5892, left the bingo Thursday night, and was checked 15 minutes later at the Paddock Lounge, 429 St. Louis Ave., East St. Louis.

It is estimated the bingo grosses \$5,000 each night, or \$15,000 weekly.

"Mr. Walsh" said Post Commander Willard "stops by each night for a financial report."



#### THE JOURNAL'S PLATFORM:

1. Adopt the short ballot for Illinois state government
2. Reorganize the state court system
3. Adopt council-manager local government

## Think Again, Mr. Karns!

THE reaction of St. Clair County might be too much to ask of State's Atty. John M. Karns Canteen Township Supervisor Jr. to the exposure of a Canteen Wetzel Harness, up for re-election this year. Mr. Harness, both Township bingo game as a gangster operation is not satisfactory. as a township supervisor and at Mr. Karns' statement that he is one time as chairman of the "aware of the situation" and is County Board of Supervisors, has "confident" that situation will be spoken out against "sin". But the corrected in the future only emphasizes the seriousness of a strip-tease joints and the Buster Wortman gambling operations in breakdown in law enforcement. his township have not been stopped by Mr. Harness.

If Mr. Karns thinks, and we suspect that he does, that the Bingo ceases to be the harmless Federal Government will and device for charity fund-raising, should do his work for him, he is as it is described by so-called thinking in the wrong way. The charity fund-raisers, when gangsters participate. Such an operation poses a grave threat to the people of St. Clair County elected him state's attorney last fall for the specific purpose of protecting them against law violators. This category includes public welfare.

The people of Washington Park ought to resent the embarrassment VFW Post 6372 has created for that municipality. The people of St. Clair County ought to resent the failure of State's Attorney Karns, Sheriff Ring, and Supervisor Harness to protect them from gangster operations. This situation constitutes a breakdown in local law enforcement. The three public officials guilty of failure to enforce the law are helping to retard the economic and civic growth of the area, when they should be helping to build that growth by performance of their duties as prescribed by law.



**'Will Be Stopped'**

## **Vets Council Reacts**

An end to the VFW-sponsored bingo game in St. Clair County virtually was assured Saturday by Claude Shaw, commander of the Allied Veterans Council of East St. Louis.

Informed of the criminal backgrounds of a five-man combine, which represents the interests of the Frank "Buster" Wortman gang at the bingo game, located at 6503 St. Clair Ave., Shaw said:

"I'll guarantee you that such an operation will be stopped. By this I mean there certainly will be no more sponsorship from a veteran's organization, so long as such characters are connected with the game.

"The Allied Veterans Council represents all veteran organizations in the East St. Louis area. On such matters as this we call representatives from the various organizations to a meeting, bring in the commander of the post in question and his five officers, and bluntly point the violation to them.

"If the officers of the organization in question fail to halt such an operation, the matter is taken to the state commander, in this instance Richard Depper of Caseyville, commander of the Illinois VFW. The council gets the matter stopped that way, if other efforts fail.

"The state commander has to act, because the VFW bylaws clearly state that the organization will have nothing to do in any way with anyone with a criminal record.

"Personally, I think if this is going on, it should be stopped, and stopped fast. I have no time for bingo, and from what you tell me, I think there should be some interest from other officials in St. Clair County, not just officials of veterans organizations.

"This same type of situation operated in Caseyville, and the council had that stopped in short order. I certainly thank you for calling this to my attention."



# Officials Know Of Operation

Official reaction to reports of a blue sky, said: "I spent a couple bingo operation controlled by the Frank "Buster" Wortman gang in St. Clair County varied Saturday.

The most startling disclosure was made by State Sen. James O. Monroe Sr., who, out of a clear blue sky, said: "I spent a couple of hours with Buster Wortman the other afternoon. A friend of mine dropped by and said he was going out to Buster's place, so I went along. We renewed acquaintances, reminisced old times, but at no time did we discuss Wortman's operations. Buster did say that he was satisfied to stay at home, and that apparently is what he is doing."

Monroe also publishes the Collinsville Herald.

State's Atty. John M. Karns Jr. said Saturday that "I am aware of the situation, but at this time I don't want to make a premature statement. However, I am confident that steps will be taken to clean up the situation in the not too distant future."

Canteen Township Supervisor Wetzel G. Harness said, "It is well known that a bingo game operation is going on at the St. Clair Avenue location."

Harness said he knew of no connection between the bingo and "outside" associates.

"I have no policing powers and if an investigation into the operation is in order, it will have to come from the policing bodies, such as the sheriff's department."

Sheriff Daniel Ring could not be reached Saturday for comment.

Sen. Monroe was contacted for comment on a resolution introduced in the House last week proposing to remove the state constitution's ban on lotteries—considered a bar to bingo.

The Illinois Council of Churches is opposed to legalized bingo, and Gov. Otto Kerner said he would veto the measure.

On the bingo proposal, Sen. Monroe said: "I'm not strong one way or the other. Personally, I think bingo is nice entertainment; if the proceeds go to a private organization or to charity, I'm for it. I certainly wouldn't want to make it the basis of a state tax, however. I say if the people want to play bingo, let them play. It's better for them to throw their money away on bingo than at the race tracks. I can't see anything wrong with bingo."

State Sen. James Gray (D-East St. Louis) said: "I'm not going to worry about the bingo proposal. I don't think it ever will pass the House, so the Senate won't have to deal with it. The governor has said he would veto such a move. However, as things stand now, and generally speaking, I am inclined to be against the proposal."

State Rep. Otis Miller Jr. (D-Belleville) said: "I'm opposed to any form of legalized gambling. However, I would need more time to study the proposed bingo legislation. I would like to have bingo clarified. As it stands now, someone must be giving permission for the bingo operations, and this is bad. If church, civic and fraternal organizations want to operate bingos or the like to make a profit, something should be done to keep them from going through these people to get permission. I'd like to see this clarified one way or the other. As it stands I don't know how I would vote on the proposal."

State Rep. Frank Holten (D-East St. Louis) and State Rep. Alan J. Dixon (D-Belleville) could not be reached Saturday for comment.



## Attention: Ring, Karns ✓

Attention Sheriff Dan Ring,  
State's Atty. John M. Karns Jr.

Game time today at Hoodlum  
Hall is scheduled at 8 p. m.

Adequate laws covering the  
operation of bingo games in the  
State of Illinois may be found in  
Sections 406 through 411 of the  
Criminal Code.

## Hoodlum Hall ✓



The home of the VFW-sponsored bingo game at 6503 St. Clair Ave.



UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI  
ATTEN: FBI LABORATORY

DATE: 3-3-61

FROM : SAC, SPRINGFIELD (66-1368)

SUBJECT: JUNE  
FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, aka  
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Re Buairtel, 2-28-61.

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It is requested that the Laboratory ascertain,  
prior to shipment, actual operation of the

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To: SAC, Springfield (66-1368)

From: Director, FBI

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referenced letter are being shipped to you by registered airmail:

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NOTE: Springfield has previously submitted results of technical surveys  
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Re: FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN

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placed on your office inventory, [REDACTED]

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## Memorandum

TO : Mr. Parsons

DATE: 2/28/61

FROM : C. A. Evans

JUNESUBJECT: FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN  
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PURPOSE

To recommend that authority be granted for the installation of a microphone surveillance on the subject who is one of the Bureau's primary targets for prosecution.

DETAILS

Frank Leonard Wortman, together with his brother, Elmer, and Edward Dowling of St. Louis, is in charge of racketeering activities in the East St. Louis, Illinois, and St. Louis, Missouri, areas.

He has high-level political contacts through which he operates. He is one of the hoodlum targets selected by the Bureau for top-level priority to develop a possible violation. Wortman is currently under indictment on charges of evading the payment of Federal income tax and his trial is scheduled for the immediate future.

Wortman conducts his racketeering activities from his residence known as "The Moat," which property is entirely surrounded by water except for one bridgeway. His hoodlums hang out at the Paddock Lounge, 429 St. Louis Ave., East St. Louis, Illinois. When he desires action he calls the Paddock Lounge and makes arrangements for his orders to be carried out. While his hoodlum associates loiter at the Lounge, it is known that they frequently discuss Wortman's racketeering operations.

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The Springfield Office believes that valuable intelligence information can be secured on Wortman and his associates by installing a microphone surveillance at the Paddock Lounge. Springfield advises that a minimum risk of detection is involved.

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Memorandum to Mr. Parsons  
Re: Frank Leonard Wortman

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RECOMMENDATION

In view of the possibility of obtaining valuable intelligence information as to the Wortman organization, it is recommended that Springfield be authorized to make this installation.

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OK and evaluate in 30 days. [REDACTED]

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

# Memorandum

FD-142

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2810)  
ATTEN: FBI LABORATORY

DATE: 2-21-61

FROM : SAC, SPRINGFIELD (66-1368)

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SUBJECT: RECOMMENDATION FOR INSTALLATION OF TECHNICAL  
OR MICROPHONE SURVEILLANCE

RE: FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, aka, et al  
AR  
Symbol Number: To be Assigned  
Type of Surveillance - Microphone

1. Name and address of subject:

Paddock Lounge  
429 St. Louis Avenue  
East St. Louis, Illinois

2. Location of technical operation:

Belleville Resident Agency  
Belleville, Illinois

3. Other technical surveillances on same subject:

None.

4. Cost and manpower involved:

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5. Adequacy of security: b7E

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6. Type of case involved:

Paddock Lounge is hangout for members of the WORTMAN mob who gather here and spend much time here in between specific assignments from WORTMAN. WORTMAN is one of 25 top hoodlums selected by the Bureau for priority attention.

7. Connection or status of subject in the case:

See remarks under No. 6.

8. Specific information being sought:

All possible information concerning the activities of WORTMAN and his mob looking toward leads which can be run out by other investigative means in an effort to establish some specific violations of federal laws.

9. Reasons for believing the specific information will be obtained by the technical surveillance:

WORTMAN himself spends virtually all of his time at his residence. His hoodlums hang out at the Paddock Lounge. When WORTMAN desires something done he calls the Paddock Lounge and makes arrangements to have it done. While loitering here between assignments it is known that these hoodlums frequently discuss the things they have done, are doing, and are about to do.



10. Importance of case and subject:

11. Possibilities of obtaining desired information by other means:

12. Risks of detection involved:

13. Probable length of technical surveillance:

14. Request made for technical surveillance by any outside agency:

15. Remarks:

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16. Recommendation of Assistant Director:



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17. Recommendation of Assistants to the Director:



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TO: SAC, Springfield

FROM: Director, FBI

FRANK LEONARD WORTHMAN, et al.  
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Re your FD-142 dated 2/21/61.

Based on your recommendation and provided complete security is assured, you are authorized to install microphone coverage on the Paddock Lounge at East St. Louis, for a 30-day period. Advise the Bureau as soon as this installation is made furnishing details concerning [REDACTED] and also the symbol number assigned to the installation. b7E

This installation should be closely followed. In the event you desire its continuation, an appropriate FD-143, together with your recommendation, should be submitted to reach the Bureau five days prior to the expiration of the authorized period.

All leads arising from this installation should be afforded prompt and thorough attention. A weekly summary of pertinent information is to be furnished to the Bureau. In the event information of immediate interest or significance is received, it should be promptly brought to the Bureau's attention by appropriate separate communication.

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NOTE

See memo Evans to Mr. Parsons, 2/28/61, same caption.

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## Memorandum

FD-142

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2810)  
ATTEN: FBI LABORATORY

DATE: 2-21-61

FROM : SAC, SPRINGFIELD (66-1368)

JUNESUBJECT: RECOMMENDATION FOR INSTALLATION OF TECHNICAL  
OR MICROPHONE SURVEILLANCERE: FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, aka, et al  
ARSymbol Number: To be assigned  
Type of Surveillance - Microphone

## 1. Name and address of subject:

FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN  
RFD  
Collinsville, Illinois

## 2. Location of technical operation:

Belleville Resident Agency  
Belleville, Illinois

## 3. Other technical surveillance on same subject:

None.

## 4. Cost and manpower involved:



## 5. Adequacy of security:

Minimum risk of detection involved.

## 6. Type of case involved:

WORTMAN is one of the 25 top hoodlums selected by  
the Bureau for concentrated priority treatment.2 - Bureau (RM) (Enc. 1)  
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7. Connection or status of subject in the case:

Refer to No. 6.

8. Specific information being sought:

All possible information concerning WORTMAN and the operation of his organization with a view to obtaining leads that can be investigated by other means with a view toward establishing violations of federal laws.

9. Reasons for believing the specific information will be obtained by the technical surveillance:

WORTMAN spends virtually all of his time at his residence. He has constructed an office there and when he wants anything done he telephones to the Paddock Lounge and secures the necessary personnel to carry out whatever he has in mind. Thus, we should undoubtedly be able to obtain considerable information concerning his instructions to members of his group. In addition, on very important matters WORTMAN will call his top lieutenants to his residence and hold discussions with them there in his office. Further, all of the bag men collecting money from his various operations are understood to take it to WORTMAN at his residence. It is believed this installation would over a period of time provide complete information about the operations of WORTMAN and his organization.

10. Importance of case and subject:

WORTMAN has been selected by the Bureau as one of the top 25 hoodlums in the country for priority attention.

11. Possibilities of obtaining desired information by other means:

None.

12. Risks of detection involved:

Absolute minimum risk of detection.

13. Probable length of technical surveillance:

90 days.



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14. Request made for technical surveillance by any outside agency:

None.

15. Remarks:

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16. Recommendation of Assistant Director:

17. Recommendation of Assistants to the Director:



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**TO: SAC, Springfield (66-1368)**

**JUNE**

**EX 109 REC 47**  
**FROM: Director, FBI (92-2810)**

**FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, et al.**  
**ANTI-RACKETEERING**

**Re your FD-142 dated 2/21/61.**

Based on your recommendation and provided complete security is assured, authority is granted for a microphone surveillance to be installed at the Wortman residence. This authority will extend for a period of 30 days following the date installation is accomplished. If a further continuance beyond that time is desired, an appropriate FD-143 together with your recommendation should be submitted to the Bureau five days before the expiration of the authorized period. In view of the extreme security consciousness of Wortman, this installation must be very carefully planned and executed. The Bureau should be advised promptly of the date the installation is made and the symbol number assigned to it.

You should carefully evaluate the information received when this installation completed and all leads arising therefrom should receive very close attention with a view to developing details as to any violation in which Wortman or his associates may be involved.

The Bureau should be kept fully and promptly advised of all developments and any information received from the source of immediate interest and significance should be promptly furnished to the Bureau by appropriate communication.

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TO : Mr. Conrad *JC* DATE: 2/28/61  
 FROM : [REDACTED] *b7c* JUNE  
 SUBJECT: FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, aka, et al.  
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Reference is made to Springfield airtel 2/21/61, captioned as above concerning proposed Misur installations on Wortman.

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Frank Leonard Wortman and his associates dominate all racket activities in the East St. Louis, Illinois, and St. Louis, Missouri, areas. Springfield, in response to Bureau instructions, previously submitted suggestions relative to establishment of microphone surveillances on Wortman and his associates. By airtel 2/3/61, Springfield was authorized to make a survey of "The Moat" residence of Wortman and of the Paddock Lounge where he and his associates meet. Referenced Springfield airtel submits results of surveys made and requests installation authority.

RECOMMENDATION:

That this memorandum be forwarded to the Special Investigative Division for information.

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The Attorney General

March 9, 1961

Director, FBI

FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN  
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Wortman is a prominent Midwestern hoodlum who has been the subject of an intensive inquiry by the Bureau and I thought you would be interested in information which has come to our attention in connection with this investigation.

Wortman and Dowling were indicted on January 11, 1960, by the Federal Grand Jury, Eastern District of Illinois, East St. Louis, Illinois, on charges of violating the Federal income tax laws.

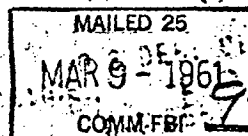
Reports concerning Wortman and his associates have previously been furnished to the Criminal Division and this is being submitted for your additional information.

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At the present time the Springfield Division has four [REDACTED] capable of operating on the frequency assigned to the Springfield Division. However, in instant case considerable surveillance work is being done in the area of East St. Louis and our cars in that area and other equipment normally operate on the St. Louis frequency of 163.875.

If available, it is requested that the Bureau furnish the Springfield Division as soon as possible two [REDACTED] capable of operating on the St. Louis frequency for use in surveillance work in instant case.

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Attached are two sets of forms FD-142 requesting authority for misurs at the Paddock Lounge and subject's residence known as "The Moat".

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The Laboratory's observations on this possibility are solicited since the technical details of such an installation are unknown to the Springfield Division, but if feasible it

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might create a possibility of earlier monitoring of subject's office than is presented by the plan outlined in attached FD-142.

It is requested these matters be expedited as much as possible.

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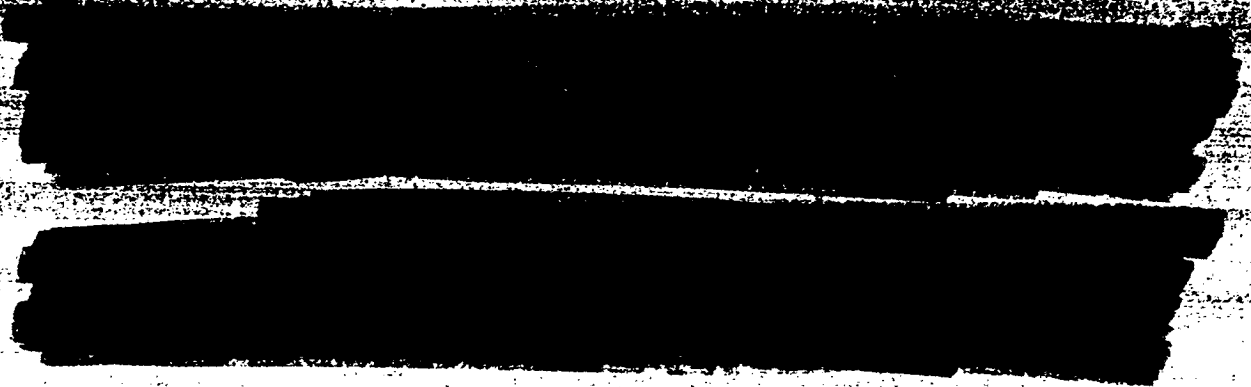
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East St. Louis "Journal" on March 6, 1961 issue carried an article on front page to the effect that St. Clair County Sheriff's Office had conducted a raid about noon, March 6, 1961, on the policy operation at Brooklyn, Illinois, operated by the WORTMAN organization. The article indicated that the premises were unoccupied at the time of the raid; however, some equipment apparently used in the policy operation was seized.

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Submit to Bureau by 3/17/61 letterhead memo suitable for dissemination to Department reflecting information received from U.S. District Judge William G. Juergens as reflected in reairtel.

Follow this matter very closely and take appropriate action to develop indicated violations. Keep Bureau closely advised of developments.

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**LEADS:**

**THE CHICAGO DIVISION**

Will conduct investigation set out in Springfield letter to Chicago, 2/4/61, [REDACTED]

**THE KANSAS CITY DIVISION**

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March 8, 1961

Office: Springfield

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Title:

FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN;  
ELMER SYLVESTER DOWLING;  
EDWARD WORTMAN, JR.

Character:

ANTI-RACKETEERING

Synopsis:

WORTMANs and DOWLING continue to reside at their residences in the Collinsville area. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Information relative to associates of WORTMAN organization set out. Information regarding legitimate enterprises of the WORTMAN organization and set out. [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Information regarding oil leases of WORTMAN and DOWLING in Kentucky set out. WORTMAN organization continues to operate gambling enterprises, St. Clair County; however, lucrative bingo operation closed by local authorities 2/26/61 as a result of publicity by East St. Louis press. [REDACTED]

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THE MIAMI DIVISION

Conduct investigation as requested in Springfield letter to Miami, 2/2/61, relative to residence allegedly owned by ELMER DOWLING at Fort Lauderdale, Florida.

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THE SPRINGFIELD DIVISION

Leads for the Springfield Division are being handled on a daily basis and daily airtels are being submitted regarding investigation, and, therefore, leads are not being set out in detail for the investigation in the East St. Louis area.

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Date February 28, 1961

FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, RFD, Collinsville, Illinois, stated during conversation with him on the patio in front of the moated residence at 11:20 - 11:45 AM February 17, 1961 that he knew [redacted] by sight. WORTMAN said [redacted] occasionally ate at the Paddock Lounge in East St. Louis in the past but did not hang out at this location as far as he, WORTMAN, knew. WORTMAN said [redacted] was never employed by him, WORTMAN, and was not on WORTMAN's payroll at any time in the past or presently. WORTMAN said he was very surprised when he read in the newspaper about [redacted]

[redacted] because he, WORTMAN, [redacted]

WORTMAN was asked if there was a close association between [redacted] and MELVIN BECKMAN and "STORMY" HARVILL. WORTMAN replied that he did not know whether there was any association between these individuals and as far as he knew they might be acquainted but were not close friends. WORTMAN was asked if BECKMAN or HARVILL might have been with [redacted]

WORTMAN replied that "my fellows do not do those kind of things". WORTMAN pointed out that his instructions are that any of his "fellows" are not to be involved in any type of strong armed crimes, including burglaries, robberies and that type of "thing". WORTMAN said if he finds that any of his "fellows" are involved in any type of strong armed jobs, they are put out of his organization. WORTMAN said he will not allow that type of "rough stuff". WORTMAN said he has "straightened out a number of fellows". When asked what he meant by this, WORTMAN said that a number of the individuals in his organization have been involved in "rough stuff" in the past but that this has all been in years past. It was pointed out to WORTMAN that BECKMAN is one of WORTMAN's men and that BECKMAN was released as a result of a burglary charge from the Missouri prison in 1960. WORTMAN said nothing concerning this but merely said that most of his fellows were involved in "rough stuff" years ago.

On 2/17/61 at RFD, Collinsville, Ill. File # ST 07-1761

by SAs [redacted] Date dictated 2/23/61

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WORTMAN said his "fellows" do not have to pull any type burglaries and "that sort of thing" because they are all making a good living with what they are doing. WORTMAN refused to acknowledge or explain what he meant by "what they are doing". WORTMAN said again if he ever heard of any of his "fellows" doing any rough stuff, he would getrid of them immediately.

WORTMAN was asked whether he knew [redacted] and to which WORTMAN replied that he knew who [redacted] was but that [redacted] was never employed by WORTMAN or on WORTMAN's payroll. He said he did not know if there was any association between [redacted] WORTMAN said as far as he knew, [redacted] and further that "some of my boys" have helped [redacted] in the past to get a job [redacted] and that "some of the boys" helped [redacted]

WORTMAN was asked who was running the Paddock Lounge at the present time and he replied that as far as he knew, [redacted] was running the place. WORTMAN said that in the past everything to do at the Paddock was taken care of by SAM MAGIN, as he was the boss. WORTMAN voluntarily stated that "we are taking good care of Magin". He refused to explain what he meant by this and it was observed to WORTMAN that it would certainly appear that he, WORTMAN, owed it to MAGIN. WORTMAN made no comment to this.

WORTMAN was asked if [redacted] was not employed by him, WORTMAN, in handling handbook gambling operations in the past. WORTMAN replied that he and "his boys" have not operated any handbook or bookie operations since the Federal Wagering Tax Law went into affect. WORTMAN said, of course, if some of "his boys" did operate handbooks, they were doing it without the okay of WORTMAN. WORTMAN was asked specifically about "bookie" operations at the East St. Louis race tracks in the recent past by some of "his men". WORTMAN replied that taking bets at the race track was not against the Federal Wagering Tax Law. WORTMAN was asked specifically about the operations of GORDON FOSTER and ROBERT SHEER, who have been convicted of Federal violations in connection with handbook operations and wagering tax violation. WORTMAN replied that FOSTER was not guilty of running a handbook but that FOSTER has in the past



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has always been running "a service line" and that any actual handbook operations were done by SHEER. WORTMAN said that FOSTER is serving his penitentiary time now because of what SHEER did, not what FOSTER did. WORTMAN further stated that after FOSTER's case was reversed by this Court of Appeals, "they" could have beat the case if they had gone to trial again but because of FOSTER's family, it was decided that he would take a plea of guilty on a misdemeanor charge and serve whatever sentence he received.



## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date February 28, 1961

On February 17, 1961 SAs [REDACTED] b7c  
[REDACTED] at approximately 11:20 to 11:45 AM interviewed  
FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN on the patio in front of WORTMAN's  
moated residence, RFD, Collinsville, Illinois. It was ob-  
served, on reaching this residence, that the door immediately  
in front of the drive approaching the house beneath the door-  
bell had a small name card slot and on the card inside of the  
slot was printed the name JOHN J. JONES.

During interview with WORTMAN, at approximately  
11:55AM an automobile drove on the road through a field leading  
to the moat residence and as it was approaching the residence,  
it immediately turned around and started driving away from the  
moat. WORTMAN made the comment "Is that some of your fellows  
or some of mine?" He walked rapidly to the edge of the patio  
to get a good view of the automobile immediately on seeing it.  
From observation by SA [REDACTED] it was determined this was a  
1961 four-door black Cadillac with Missouri license, which ve-  
hicle is known to SA [REDACTED] having been in the possession of and  
having been driven on numerous occasions in the recent past by  
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After leaving the moat residence, SAs [REDACTED]  
drove back by the moat residence at approximately 12:00 noon,  
February 17, 1961 at which time this same 1961 black four-door  
Cadillac was observed parked on the drive directly in front of  
the moat residence.

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From observation by agents, it has been determined that FRANK WORTMAN drives a 1958 Chrysler Imperial, four-door, gray in color, bearing 1961 Illinois license 197 231 and that his wife, SYLVIA, drives a 1957 white over blue Plymouth bearing 1961 Illinois license LP 2970.



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RE: ELMER SYLVESTER DOWLING

From observation by agents, ELMER DOWLING is now driving a 1961 white Thunderbird, two-door, bearing 1961 Illinois license 197 235, which is registered to the Plaza Amusement Company, 429 St. Louis Avenue, East St. Louis, Illinois.

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Observation of the DOWLING residence by the agents reflects the two-car garage formerly used by DOWLING in the wing of the house facing MAGIN's residence has been converted to living area with two large picture windows.

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By communication dated January 18, 1961, the Miami Office advised as follows:

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RE: EDWARD WORTMAN, Jr., aka Ted

EDWARD WORTMAN, Jr. drives at the present time a 1961 dark gray, two-door, Cadillac, bearing 1961 Illinois license 197 234, registered to the Plaza Amusement Company, RFD 1, Caseyville, Illinois.

EDWARD WORTMAN is known to have been back in the East St. Louis area in the latter part of January, 1961.

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B. CRIMINAL RECORD



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There is nothing to report regarding captioned  
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C. ASSOCIATES



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RE: SAM GEORGE MAGIN

SAM MAGIN, United States Marshal, East St. Louis, Illinois, Number EI 6219, according to United States Marshal [redacted] Eastern District of Illinois, presented himself to the United States Marshal's Office on February 3, 1961, to begin serving a three-year prison sentence previously imposed by United States District Court, East St. Louis, Illinois, on two charges of perjury. The Supreme Court of the United States had refused a rehearing on MAGIN's case. According to United States Marshal [redacted] MAGIN will be taken to the Federal Penitentiary at Terre Haute, Indiana, to serve his sentence. MAGIN gave background to the Marshal's Office showing he lived in Cook County, Illinois, from 1940 to 1945; in Madison County, Illinois, from 1945 to 1961. b7C

Observation by agents at the MAGIN residence, 150 Hillcrest Drive, Collinsville, Illinois, reflected there was a 1961 black Oldsmobile two-door bearing 1961 Illinois license [redacted] b7C

It is noted that MAGIN is a native of Greece, and, according to [redacted] he has never been naturalized.

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RE: MELVIN JOHN BECKMAN  
FBI Number 470 2429

[REDACTED] BECKMAN  
is presently driving a 1960 white over red Oldsmobile,  
two-door, bearing 1961 Illinois license CD 6514 registered  
to BECKMAN at 103 East Pleasant Ridge Road, Collinsville,  
Illinois. BECKMAN is still engaged in operating the gambling  
establishment of the WORTMAN organization at the Checker-Inn,  
4500 Old St. Clair Avenue, East St. Louis, Illinois.

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RE: GEORGE ANDREW HARVILL, aka "Stormy"  
FBI Number 289 67 B

George Harvill

Observation by agents of this office reflect  
HARVILL is presently residing at 14 Lakeland Drive, Belleville,  
Illinois.

HARVILL is still employed at the Checker-Inn gambling  
operation, 4500 St. Clair Avenue, East St. Louis, Illinois, and  
has been observed as being the outside guard at night time of  
this operation.

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ELMER DOWLING  
MEL BECKMAN  
GEORGE HARVILL

Eating at this restaurant at the same time were

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D. CRIMINAL ACTIVITIES



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Date March 2, 1961

JOE JANKO, 4500 Old St. Clair Avenue, East St. Louis, Illinois, at 4:45 PM was asked by SA [REDACTED] if a "game" was on that day. JANKO said the Checker-Inn was closed. At about this time an unknown individual went to the front door of the Checker-Inn, and JANKO told this individual that there "no game" today. b7c

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On 2-23-61 at East St. Louis, Illinois File # SI 92-112

by SA [REDACTED] Date dictated 3-1-61

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Date March 2, 1961

On the afternoon and night of February 22, 1961, and afternoon of February 23, 1961, SA [REDACTED] b7c observed that the Checker-Inn had no vehicles parked around it and no one was observed entering or leaving the Checker-Inn building.

On 2-22 and 23-61 at East St. Louis, Illinois File # SI 92-112

by SA [REDACTED] b7c Date dictated 3-1-61

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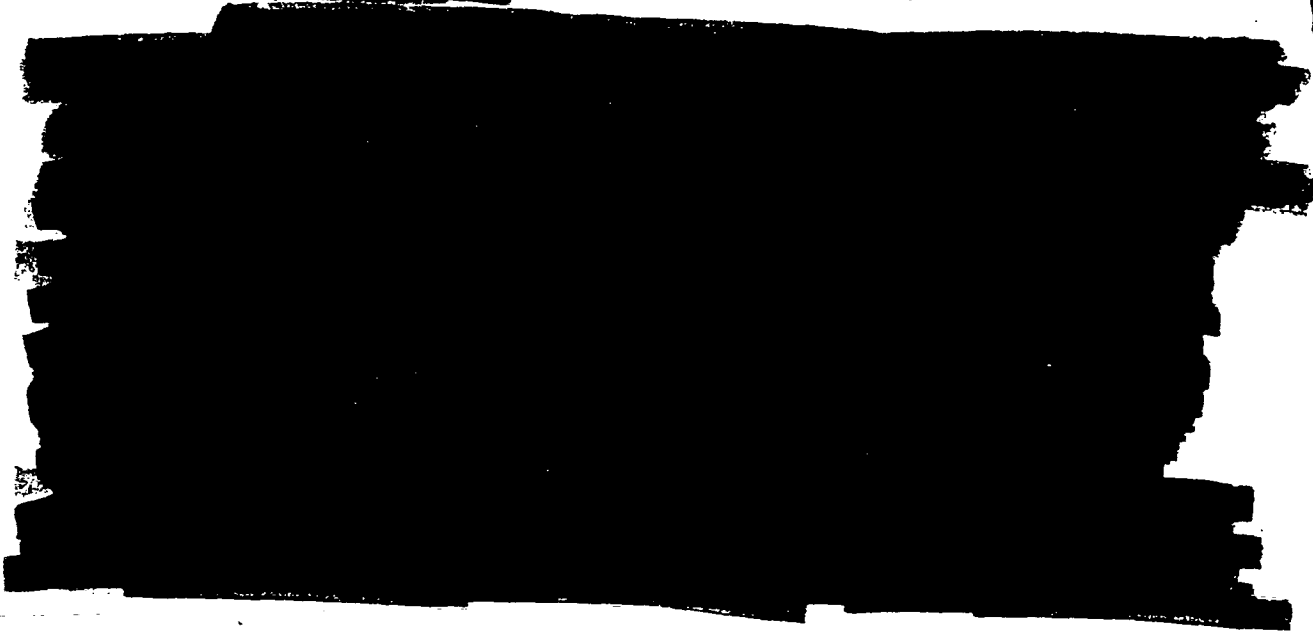


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The press of the St. Louis, Missouri, and East St. Louis, Illinois area on February 22, 1961, reported that Governor OTTO KERNER was scheduled to make a speech in Belleville, Illinois, St. Clair County, on the night of February 23, 1961.



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Policy Operations

The policy operation continues to operate as it has for the past year or more at 204 Rear Madison Street in Lovejoy, commonly known as Brooklyn, St. Clair County, Illinois.



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SA [REDACTED] and SA [REDACTED] on February 23, 1961, observed at 6503 St. Clair Avenue, a bingo game in operation attended by an estimated 600 people; 110 automobiles and two special Caseyville Busline buses were in the parking lot at this address.

An officer dressed in a uniform with a badge was directing traffic into and out of this location standing in front of a vehicle with a red light bearing [REDACTED] b7c

Observed leaving the building where the bingo was operating after the game was over were the following individuals:

EDWARD LEONARD  
[REDACTED] b7c

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On 2/23/61 at East St. Louis, Illinois File # SI 92-112

by SA's [REDACTED] Date dictated 2/28/61



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E. LEGITIMATE ENTERPRISES



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Oil Leases

Louisville Division advised on January 25, 1961, that the records of the County Court Clerks were checked at the following locations by SA [REDACTED] with negative results as to any oil lease that could be associated with the subjects of this case. No lease was found that was called the [REDACTED] Lease or the [REDACTED] Lease in any of the following counties: b7c

Allen County, 11/28/60  
Barren County, 11/28/60  
Butler County, 1/13/61  
Clinton County, 11/29/60 and 1/19/61  
Cumberland County, 11/29/60 and 1/19/61  
Edmonson County, 1/13/61  
Hart County, 1/13/61  
Logan County, 12/7/60  
Metcalf County, 1/16/61  
Monroe County, 1/19/61  
Russell County, 1/10/61  
Simpson County, 11/29/60  
Warren County, 1/16/61 b7c

On January 9, 1961, the records of the Green County Court Clerk were searched and 15 leases were located that had the name [REDACTED] associated therewith. [REDACTED] b7c

[REDACTED] b7D

A search of the Taylor County Records, Campbells-ville, Kentucky, on January 9, 1961, showed that two leases



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were referred to as the [REDACTED] Lease; however, [REDACTED] advised on January 18, 1961, that WORTMAN or DOWLING had no recorded connections or interest therein.

By letter dated February 7, 1961, the Louisville Division advised the following investigation was conducted by SA [REDACTED] on January 10, 1961:

A review of the lease records maintained in the County Court Clerk's Office was made through the cooperation of [REDACTED]. The lease index book was checked and the name [REDACTED] was not listed in the lease index book under either lessee or lessor.

The lease index book did not contain the names of FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN or EDWARD WORTMAN, JR., as either a lessee or lessor.

The name ELMER SYLVESTER DOWLING did not appear in the lease index book either as a lessee or a lessor.

The following entries were found in the Christian County Lease Book for people with the last name of [REDACTED] who were lessees. It cannot be determined if any of these leases are identical with the [REDACTED] Lease" referred to in referenced letter, and there is no way in the Louisville file of determining whether these leases are identical with referenced lease from the information set forth in referenced letter.

<u>LEASE BOOK</u>	<u>PAGE #</u>	<u>LESSEE</u>	<u>LESSOR</u>	<u>DATE</u>
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[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]



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Miscellaneous

On December 2, 1960, SA [redacted] of the St. Louis Office received an anonymous call by an individual who declined to furnish his identity. [redacted]

He stated the following is for the most part hearsay but he believed it to be very close to the real facts:

He stated that the Park Plaza Motel on Highway 66 and 66 By-Pass, St. Louis County, Missouri, is owned by the following individuals:

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F. PLACES OF AMUSEMENT

There is no information relative to the above-captioned matter at this time.



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G. TRAVEL

Information has been set out elsewhere in this report relative to the presence of ELMER DOWLING and EDWARD WORTMAN in Florida during the period of December, 1960, and January, 1961. Also information has been set out elsewhere relative to the possible travel of FRANK WORTMAN to Chicago.



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H. PERSONAL HABITS

*There is nothing to report under captioned matter.*



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I. ASSOCIATION WITH POLITICAL FIGURES



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The press of East St. Louis, Illinois, identified the following individuals as being the new staff of States Attorney KARNES:

KENNETH J. JUEN, Chief Assistant  
States Attorney, Belleville, Illinois.

EUGENE H. WIDMAN, 204 Country  
Club Acres, Assistant States  
Attorney to handle civil matters.

SYLVESTER CARTER, a Negro,  
East St. Louis, Illinois,  
Assistant States Attorney.

JAMES BANDY, East St. Louis,  
member of the firm Listeman  
and Bandy, as Assistant States  
Attorney.

[REDACTED]

JOHN O'CONNELL, a member of the  
firm of O'Connell and Waller,  
East St. Louis;

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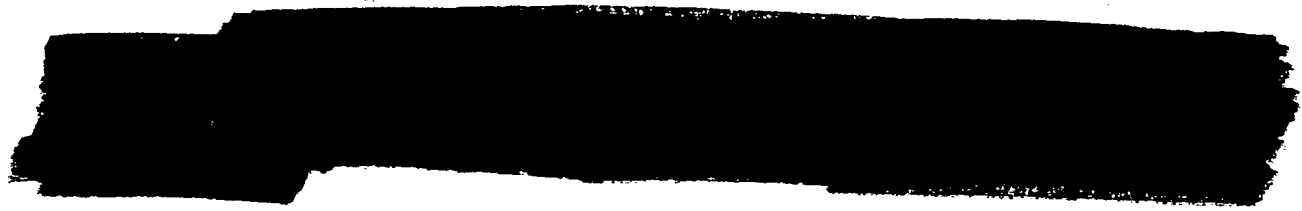
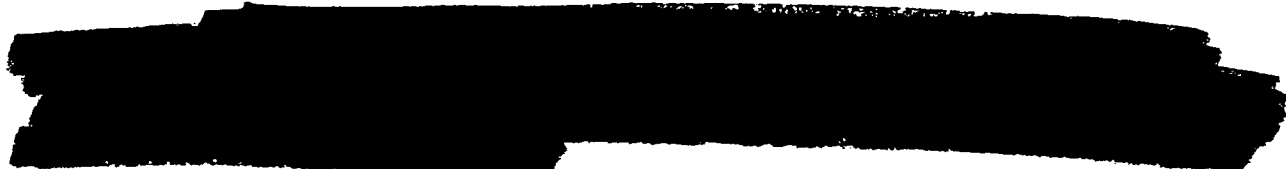


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CHARLES HAMILTON, East St. Louis,  
Assistant States Attorney.



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The Belleville News Democrat, Belleville, Illinois, on November 28, 1960, carried an article that Sheriff DANIEL RING's wife, Mrs. RUTH RIEMANN RING, and her brother, ROBERT P. RIEMANN, had filed suit November 28, 1960, in Circuit Court, Belleville, Illinois, against EDWARD WORTMAN and WORTMAN's wife, MARGARET, alleging breach of contract, and seeking \$52,995. It is alleged that WORTMAN agreed to purchase a farm possessed by the above for \$53,995 and made a \$1,000 downpayment, but later refused to accept a deed and would not pay the balance. The farm contained 154 acres in Clinton County, Illinois.



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Date March 3, 1961

On February 23, 1961, at 3:58 PM, SA [REDACTED] observed a cream over blue Plymouth, about a 1957 model, bearing [REDACTED] leaving the residence of FRANK WORTMAN at the moat. Subsequently, a 1957 black Buick with white sidewall tires left the moat property. This car bore 1961 [REDACTED] and was occupied by two males who were identified by the agent as [REDACTED] and Illinois State Senator JAMES O. MONROE. b7c

On 2-23-61 at Collinsville, Illinois File # SI 92-112 b7c

by SA [REDACTED] Date dictated 3-1-61



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Illinois Motor Vehicle License Registration reflects  
[REDACTED] was issued to [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] on a 1957 Buick two-door.

[REDACTED] as in the past been on the payroll of  
the WORTMAN organization as a gambler.

The same records reflect that [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED] is issued to [REDACTED]

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As previously set out, SAM MAGIN began serving his three year perjury sentence February 3, 1961 and was removed to Terre Haute Federal Prison.

The case of GEORGE STOFFEY, a former WORTMAN organization handbook operator, has been set for retrial in United States District Court March 20, 1961. STOFFEY was previously convicted for wagering stamp violation in United States District Court, East St. Louis, and his case was reversed by the Circuit Court of Appeals.

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Re: DISMAS HOUSE

The United Artists movie "Hoodlum Priest" is scheduled for a world premier in St. Louis, Missouri February 28, 1961. This movie is based on the operations of the home for ex-convicts organized and controlled by Father CHARLES DISMAS CLARK, a Catholic priest in St. Louis, Missouri. One of the principal benefactors of this organization has been MORRIS SHENKER, prominent criminal lawyer of St. Louis who has been WORTMAN's principal attorney and legal advisor for years.

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Re: [REDACTED]

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

In Reply, Please Refer to  
File No. SI 92-112

Springfield, Illinois

March 3, 1961

FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN;  
ELMER SYLVESTER DOWLING;  
EDWARD WORTMAN, JR.  
ANTI-RACKETEERING

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Springfield Confidential Informants in the report  
of Special Agent [REDACTED] dated and captioned as  
above have all furnished reliable information in the past. b7C

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

MEMORANDUM

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2810)

DATE: 3-10-61

FROM: *JS* SAC, SPRINGFIELD (92-112)

*ach* SUBJECT: <sup>0</sup> FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, aka;  
ET AL  
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(00-Springfield) *b7c*

Re Report of SA [REDACTED] dated 3-3-61 at  
Springfield.

Enclosed herewith are copies of Index to referenced  
report.

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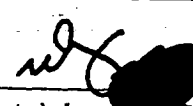
Investigation being conducted to identify fuel oil service ~~at~~ moat. All land owners surrounding moat identified and are being contacted and area being mapped.

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FACT THEY ALLEGEDLY HAVE  
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FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, AKA  
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DAILY AIRTEL

Re Daily Airtel 3-9-61, concerning information from

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16L Three Assistant Attorney Generals from the Department, Washington, D.C., now in St. Louis, actively preparing WORTMAN ET AL case for trial, St. Louis, set for 5-15-61. These attorneys are JOHN SCHAUER, PAUL KOMIVEZ, and WILLIARD MC BRIDE.

Recent issue daily racing form carries story, dateline Hialeah, Florida, 3-2-61, stating owner, MARGIE LOU MINES, Collinsville, Illinois, was suspended 3-2-61 by Hialeah Board of Stewards, who further recommended to Florida Racing Commission her license be revoked for falsification of owner's license, application, and other charges. Article reflects Mrs. MINES is daughter of EDWARD WORTMAN and that WORTMAN has interest in the race horses and direction of the stable; further, that several other states have permitted WORTMAN to withdraw applications for an owner's license and if he applied in Florida, they would not allow him a license. Springfield has information that similar action taken by California Racing Board and under consideration by Illinois Board.

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RE FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, aka  
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Re Buairtel to New York, 2-1-61, captioned "CRIMINAL INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM"

FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN is not presently the subject of a substantive Bureau case. He was indicted on January 11, 1960, by the Federal Grand Jury, Eastern District of Illinois, East St. Louis, for violation of laws under the jurisdiction of the Internal Revenue Service involving income tax violations. Indicted with him were close associates ELMER SYLVESTER DOWLING, EDWARD "TED" WORTMAN, Jr., a brother to FRANK WORTMAN, GREGORY "RED" MOORE, SAM MAGIN, and GEORGE FRANK. WORTMAN is presently free on \$30,000 bond. It is noted that the indictment charges both the substantive count of evasion of income taxes and charges all of the above with a count of conspiracy. The substantive counts in the indictment have been separated by court order and each of the defendants is to be tried in the district wherein he lives making some of the prosecutions to be tried in the Southern District of Illinois, some in the Eastern District of Illinois, and some in the Federal District covering St. Louis, Missouri. All defendants under the conspiracy count are to be tried in the Eastern District of Illinois. This trial was recently postponed until May, 1961, at the request of the government in view of the recent resignation of the United States Attorney for the Eastern District of Illinois.

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In this regard it is noted that former USA RAEMER had made every effort with the Department to be allowed to try this case personally. It is known that the Department has reviewed the voluminous reports submitted by Internal Revenue Service. Further, that a Special Assistant Attorney General has been in East St. Louis, Illinois, over the past several years for extended periods for assistance in drawing indictments, coordinating the investigation and consultation. The USA in St. Louis recently advised that this case will probably be tried by two Special Assistant Attorneys General sent from Washington, however, there is no verification of this. It is noted that in the opinion of this office this would be extremely desirable inasmuch as a new USA is to be appointed sometime in the near future to fill the vacancy left by RAEMER. It is not believed that the extensive preparation for prosecution could be adequately made by a new appointee.

It is further noted that local rumors indicate that one individual under consideration for the appointment as USA is RAY FOREMAN of Danville, Illinois, who formerly was an Assistant USA. Recently information has been developed that FOREMAN has practiced law in Danville, Illinois, since about 1953, and was retained as attorney for SAM MAGIN, attorney for WORTMAN lieutenant, when MAGIN was indicted in 1959 for perjury as a result of MAGIN's appearance before the Federal Grand Jury, Eastern District of Illinois, which Grand Jury was investigating FRANK WORTMAN and his associates and their operations. FOREMAN stepped out of the actual trial of MAGIN because of substantial differences between himself and the USA's office whereby FOREMAN felt he should appear as a witness in the MAGIN trial as well as attorney for the defense. The USDJ would not agree to this and, therefore, FOREMAN withdrew as attorney but apparently remained in the picture as an advisor and consultant to MAGIN and WORTMAN.

MAGIN has been convicted and all appeals exhausted and is now serving a three-year penitentiary sentence. Springfield, of course, has no information indicating that

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FOREMAN actually will be appointed to the USA's office in the Eastern District of Illinois.

2. The Springfield Office believes that the most vulnerable area for establishing a Bureau violation would be in the field of labor violations such as LMRA or Anti-racketeering and in connection with possible government contracts the development of a FAG, Bribery, or Conspiracy case; bribery and conspiracy may be a possibility in connection with WORTMAN's forthcoming trial. The information developed with regard to possible violations in this field has been, throughout the top hoodlum investigation, vague and speculative.

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Further, this office is actively engaged at the present time in the development of confidential investigative techniques which will, it is believed, give far more accurate information concerning possible Bureau violations than that previously received from sources.

It is felt that a careful development of the informant and the establishment of such techniques may lead to possible violations within the Bureau's jurisdiction at a future date.

3. As indicated in #1 above, the greatest possible area for prosecution immediately is with regard to the outstanding indictment charging income tax violations. It is felt that the Internal Revenue Service could also possibly develop Federal Wagering Stamp violations since WORTMAN's main

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interior, but he is almost completely divorced from the actual running of any of the gambling establishments. A number of individuals on the lower echelon of the NORTMAN organization has, in the recent past, been convicted of violating the same violations which violations were established as a result of the over-all NORTMAN investigation by the Internal Revenue Service.

The Springfield Office is conducting the top hoodlum investigation with an intensified effort to develop all possibilities of a violation within the Bureau's jurisdiction. In the event any such violation or allegation thereof is developed the Bureau will be promptly advised and all possible efforts made to develop the case to a prosecutable state.

The following is being furnished relative to possible violations, <sup>not</sup> within the Bureau's jurisdiction:

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The FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN organization for years has operated three basic phases of gambling in St. Clair County, Illinois, without any apparent restraints, investigations, raids, or other deterrents by local authorities. These phases include a policy racket operation at 204 Madison Street, Lovejoy, Illinois, the Checker Inn dice gambling establishment at 4500 Old St. Clair Avenue, and the bingo operation at 6503 St. Clair Avenue. All of these locations are on the outskirts of East St. Louis, Illinois, in St. Clair County. The Illinois State Police in past years has occasionally raided the dice gambling establishment [REDACTED]

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The period during which the ISP did conduct raids considerably hampered the WORTMAN operations and at one time caused them to almost virtually shut down their gambling activities. Since these raids have been discontinued the operations are again operating almost openly [REDACTED] b7D

Since the new State's Attorney for St. Clair County, JOHN MARSHALL KARNS, Jr., has taken office there has been ample evidence indicating that he is anticipating no action against the gambling interests of the WORTMAN organization

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and in fact during contacts with him by agents of this office  
he has made statements generally reflecting this attitude.

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TO: SAC, Springfield (92-112)

FROM: Director, FBI (92-2510)-106

FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN  
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Reurairtel 2/14/61. You should continue to follow all phases of the activities of Wortman and his associates very closely and promptly furnish all pertinent information to the Bureau. This should receive special attention in view of the imminent prosecution of Wortman and others in connection with an income tax violation.

You should continue vigorous efforts to develop further informants and sources who can keep you advised fully of activities of Wortman and his organization.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

TO : Mr. Evans *E/mab*

DATE: 3/15/61

FROM : [REDACTED] *b7c*SUBJECT: FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, Aka.  
ANTI-RACKETEERING *L 11-7**146.* The Springfield Office advised that [REDACTED] *b7c*  
[REDACTED] *b7c*  
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I instructed the Springfield Office to inquire as to whether there was any possible FBI jurisdiction and if so to explore it fully. I also told Springfield to submit a comprehensive letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination to the Department.

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FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (92-112)

FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, Aka  
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New photograph obtained of ELMER SYLVESTER DOWLING'S residence

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The three local authorities who would have jurisdiction in local violations reflected in the above, would be the E. St. Louis police, St. Clair County States Attorney, and St. Clair County Sheriff's Office. The Bureau is well aware of the unreliability of these departments.

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Investigation continuing to interview all property owners, neighbors, and nearby residents to the "moat" area.

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*[Large redacted block]*  
The premiere of the United Artists movie "Hoodlum Priest" is scheduled for St. Louis on 2-28-61; this premiere is receiving extensive publicity in the St. Louis area indicating top law enforcement officials have been invited to attend including Warden ROSS RANDOLPH of the Illinois State Penitentiary, Menard, *ILL.*

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Illinois; Warden NASH of the Missouri State Penitentiary, Jefferson City; Governor DALTON of Missouri, and Mayor TUCKER of St. Louis.

A reception is to be held after the showing of the movie at the Chase Hotel in St. Louis which is owned by the family of the wife of MORRIS SHENKER, prominent criminal attorney in East St. Louis. SHENKER has been WORTMAN's advisor for years and is considered WORTMAN's principal legal advisor and attorney. SHENKER has been one of the principal supporters, benefactors, and fund raisers for the Dismas House in St. Louis, a home for ex-convicts promoted by Catholic priest Father DISMAS CLARK. The movie "Hoodlum Priest" is based allegedly on the life of Father CLARK.

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Agents of the Belleville RA, on checking the moat [REDACTED] b7D  
[REDACTED] determined that  
leaving the moat at about 4:00 PM was a Buick automobile;  
a short distance from the moat this vehicle stopped and  
agents following a distance behind the vehicle also stopped  
and the driver came back to the agent in Bureau car and  
asked wanted to know if the agent wanted "them" and wanted  
to know agent's identity. Driver of the Buick identified  
himself as being [REDACTED] b7C  
and said the occupant in the car with him was States Senator  
JAMES MONROE of Collinsville, Illinois.

Senator MONROE then got out of the car and came  
back to the Bureau automobile and asked agents for their  
identity at which time agent exhibited credentials and MONROE  
introduced himself as being a State Senator, JAMES MONROE,  
and made the statement "I personally don't care too much for  
JOHN EDGAR". Agent replied, "You, of course, are entitled to  
your opinion, but I want you to know that I do think highly  
of him."

[REDACTED] and MONROE then got into their vehicle b7C  
and drove back into Collinsville, Illinois.

In this connection, it might be noted that on  
2-23-61, a bill legalizing bingo with certain restrictions  
was to be introduced in the Illinois General Assembly  
Legislative meeting on the date of 2-23-61. Whether the  
Senator's meeting with WORTMAN was in reference to this  
legislation is unknown; however, [REDACTED]

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State Senator MONROE is also publisher of the weekly newspaper at Collinsville, Illinois, and operates a general printing establishment in connection with this newspaper.  
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ADDENDUM BY SAC:

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The attitude of State Senator MONROE concerning the Director is not new. In the "Chicago Tribune" February 8, 1961, in opposing a resolution intended to support the activities of the House Committee on Un-American Activities, Senator MONROE commented, "I don't know much about J. EDGAR HOOVER except that he is a publicity seeker". This comment previously brought to the attention of the Bureau by SAC, Chicago, telephonically, February 8, 1961.  
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I have instructed Special Agents of the Springfield Division that in connection with any future surveillance activities in connection with this investigation that they not disclose their identity in any future surveillance activity of WORTMAN and his organization.

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TO: SAC, Springfield (92-112)

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FROM: Director, FBI (92-2810) -110

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Submit by airtel to reach Bureau not later than 3/6/61 complete details of incident involving State Senator James Monroe. Submit explanations of Agents for manner in which surveillance handled resulting in their being identified, and include recommendation for any indicated administrative action.

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GEORGE STOFFEY, East St. Louis hand book operator previously convicted and sentenced to five years for income tax evasion resulting from IRS and Federal Grand Jury investigation of WORTMAN Organization in past years, appeared USDC, East St. Louis 3/16/61 for arraignment on new trial ordered by Court of Appeals. STOFFEY entered plea of guilty to misdemeanor charge for violation Title 26, Section 7203 with understanding that indictment charging a felony would be dismissed. STOFFEY represented by Attorney MORRIS SHENKER, St. Louis, who has been WORTMAN's attorney and legal advisor. Sentencing and disposition of case set for 3/28/61, by U. S. District Judge WILLIAM G. JUERGENS.

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UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

## Memorandum

TO : Mr. Parsons *APR*

DATE: 3/6/61

FROM : C. A. Evans *✓*JUNE *b7c*SUBJECT: FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN  
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PURPOSE

To recommend that authority be granted for the installation of additional microphone coverage on the subject who is a prominent notorious midwest hoodlum and one of the Bureau's primary targets for prosecution.

DETAILS

Frank Leonard Wortman, his brother Elmer, and Edward Dowling dominate racketeering in Southern Illinois and St. Louis, Missouri. Wortman has close ties with the underworld gang which is in control in the Chicago area. He cultivates political contacts to promote his racketeering interest and has been selected as one of the Bureau's top priority subjects for development of a case for possible prosecution. He is now under indictment in a Federal income tax case with his trial scheduled for May, 1961.

Wortman is extremely security conscious. He conducts all of his racketeering activities from his home known as "The Moat," which property is entirely surrounded by water except for one bridgeway which is the only means of access. Wortman issues orders from his home to his hoodlums who hang out at the Paddock Lounge, 429 St. Louis Ave., East St. Louis, Illinois. The Springfield Office feels that high-level intelligence information on Wortman, his associates and other underworld outfits can be secured by installing microphone coverage in the Wortman home. Springfield has been authorized to install a microphone at the Paddock Lounge and through additional coverage at "The Moat" it is believed that all phases of Wortman's activities will be covered.

Springfield proposes a method of installation which involves selecting a period when Wortman and his family are absent from their residence for a period of at least two days. This may occur while Wortman is on vacation which he usually spends in Michigan.

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Memorandum to Mr. Parsons  
Re: Frank Leonard Wortman

[REDACTED] The Laboratory  
has reviewed this proposed plan of installation and recommends that  
it is feasible. Trespass will be involved. b7c

[REDACTED]

RECOMMENDATION

In view of the prominence of Wortman and the widespread activities of his racketeering organization, it is recommended this installation be authorized for the purpose of gaining intelligence information concerning this group, including its connections with the Chicago underworld.

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[REDACTED]  
Traffic to and from most property can be  
observed as well as a distant view of the residence itself.

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[REDACTED]  
THE WORTMANS AND DOWLING SHOULD BE CONSIDERED  
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FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (92-112)

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DAILY AIRTEL

Observation post to cover "moat" residence activities established and indication today (3-22-61) indicate presently little traffic in and out of "moat".

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 SUBJECT: FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, Aka; Etal  
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Observation of activity at WORTMAN most residence  
 today reflects meeting of 8 to 10 WORTMAN associates including  
 ELMER DOWLING, [REDACTED] GEORGE "STORMY" HARVILL. ILL.

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St. Louis will contact Missouri State Parole Dept.,  
St. Louis, Mo., and determine address and occupation of  
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FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (92-112)  
RE: FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, aka, et al  
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Daily Airtel

Observation WORTMAN's most residence today reflects numerous visitors, including known members of WORTMAN organization and others presently unidentified. WORTMAN's wife makes obvious efforts to view occupants, license and make of automobiles or vehicles in area which she apparently believes are police or investigators.

Other detailed activities concerning discussion with Assistant Attorney Generals in East St. Louis set out in Springfield teletype to Bureau 3/24/61.

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Re phone call from the Bureau, 3/15/61, and airtel,  
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Daily Airtel

Observations at WORTMAN's moat residence today reflect white Thunderbird usually driven by ELMER DOWLING at moat during a.m. occupied by two men. Vehicle belonging to [REDACTED] at moat during p.m. occupied by two men. [REDACTED] at moat during afternoon in his 1958 Chevrolet. Four occupants at moat during p.m. in 1955 Chevrolet registered to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED], driver of this Chevrolet possibly accompanied by unknown female. Individual believed to be WORTMAN observed on patio during a.m. and p.m. dressed in bathrobe.

[REDACTED]  
St. Louis determine identity of [REDACTED] relationship or reason for association with WORTMAN.

Kansas City, at Springfield, Mo., determine if [REDACTED]

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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_  
(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO DIRECTOR, FBI ATTN: FBI LABORATORY (92-2810)  
FROM SAC, SPRINGFIELD (92-112)  
RE: FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, aka  
AR

Re Buairtel, 3-1-61, and form 0-4 dated 2-28-61,  
transmitting 80X Questar telescope and tripod.

The 80X telescope not powerful enough to read  
license plates from present observation point. Bureau  
requested to furnish, if possible, 120X telescope. If  
tripod furnished for 80X telescope adaptable for use with  
120X telescope, no additional tripod need be furnished.

To expedite this matter, it is requested 120X  
telescope be dispatched directly to the Belleville Resident  
Agency, P. O. Box 117, Belleville, Illinois. Upon receipt,  
80X telescope will be returned to Bureau.

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MAR 27 1961

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_  
Special Agent in Charge

Sent \_\_\_\_\_ M Per \_\_\_\_\_

C. C. Wick



3/28/61

Airtel

To: SAC, Springfield (92-112)

From: Director, FBI (92-2810) - 119

FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, aka  
AR

Reurairtel of 3/24/61, requesting that you be furnished  
a 200X telescope in place of the Questar telescope previously  
furnished to you.

Laboratory does not have immediately available 120X  
telescope.

You should furnish Laboratory details such as distance  
involved and viewing conditions including amount of light available  
in order that an attempt may be made to locate equipment that will  
adequately serve your purpose.

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FBI

Date: 3-23-61

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Via AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2810)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (92-112)

FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, Aka

AR

DAILY AIRTEL

Observation at "moat" residence today reflects 1961 Cadillac normally driven by [redacted] at "moat" in AM, occupied by 3 men; also one man in 1959 Ford Galaxie, 2-door, black in color with Missouri license at "moat" about same time for one hour. Individual believed to be WORTMAN came out when these men left the "moat" and waved to them.

Ready-mix concrete trucks poured footing in foundation near "moat" residence. Nature of building unknown at present.

- 3 - Bureau (92-2810)  
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 3 - Springfield (2- 92-112)(1- 92-112 Sub A)

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Special Agent in Charge

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Date: 3-28-61

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THE WORTMANS AND DOWLING SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS  
IN VIEW OF PAST HISTORY AND IN VIEW OF FACT THEY ALLEGEDLY HAVE  
CARRIED WEAPONS IN THE PAST.

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Special Agent in Charge



Date: 3-29-61

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Via AIRTEL

AIRMAIL

(Priority or Method of Mailing)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2810)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (92-112)

FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, Aka  
ARDAILY AIRTEL

Observation WORTMAN "moat" residence today reflects GEORGE "STORMY" HARVILL at residence during entire day; 1961 Cadillac registered to [REDACTED] at "moat" one hour this AM, occupied by two men; 1960 Olds registered to MELVIN BECKMAN at "moat" since about noon. One individual in 1959 black Ford Galaxie with Missouri license in and out of "moat" area several times today. Individual fitting description and general build of WORTMAN observed in yard of "moat",

Construction project at "moat" continues with concrete mix being furnished by Diamond Concrete Products Company, Collinsville, Ill.; nature of construction still not determined.

GEORGE STOFFEY, E. St. Louis handbook operator, sentenced to one year and \$2500 fine, U. S. D. C., E. St. Louis, 3-28-61 on plea of guilty per daily airtel 3-20-61.

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- 3 - Bureau (92-2810)  
2 - St. Louis (92-191)  
3 - Springfield (2- 92-112)  
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Date: 3-29-61

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SI 92-112

Investigation being conducted to identify all employees on payroll gambling operations operating in the past, St. Clair County, but now closed; these individuals to be contacted for possible informant development and St. Louis to be furnished the identity of employees from that location.

THE WORTMANS AND DOWLING SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS  
IN VIEW OF PAST HISTORY AND IN VIEW OF FACT THEY ALLEGEDLY HAVE  
CARRIED WEAPONS IN THE PAST.

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Special Agent in Charge



FBI

Date: 3-17-61

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Via AIRTEL

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2810)

FROM SAC, SPRINGFIELD (66-1368)

JUNE

RE: JUNE  
FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, aka, et al  
AR

Re Buairtel, 2-28-61.

In connection with efforts to obtain space above the Paddock Lounge, 429 St. Louis Avenue, East St. Louis, Illinois, the following action has been taken:

The address of the space above the Paddock, which is entered through a separate entrance on a side street, is 303 North 5th Street, East St. Louis, Illinois.

③ - Bureau (RM)  
1 - Springfield

Approved: *WJ*

Special Agent in Charge

C. C. Wick

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TO: SAC, Springfield (66-1368)

JUNE

FROM: Director, FBI (92-2810) - 122

FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN  
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Reurairtel 3/17/61.

In connection with efforts to install a highly  
confidential source above the Paddock Lounge

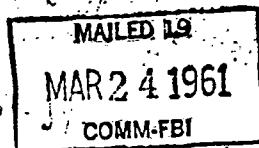
you should be very careful in establishing  
and maintaining this source to completely protect its security  
and to prevent any possibility of the nature of the Bureau's  
activities being disclosed.

Keep the Bureau closely advised of the progress  
being made to establish this source.

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Mr. Callahan  
Mr. Conrad  
Mr. DeLoach  
Mr. Evans  
Mr. Malone  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Tavel  
Mr. Trotter  
Mr. W.C. Sullivan  
Tele. Room  
Mr. Ingram  
Miss Gandy

URGENT / 3-25-61 11-30 AM

TO DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM SAC, ST. LOUIS 92-191

FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN AKA ETAL AR

RE SI TEL MARCH TWENTY FOUR LAST.

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Date: 3-31-61

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2810)  
FROM SAC, SPRINGFIELD (92-112)  
RE: FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, aka, et al  
AR

Re Buairtel, 3-30-61.

Copies of report dated March 3, 1961, in captioned case and copy of letterhead memorandum of March 17, 1961, being immediately disseminated to Assistant Attorney General JOHN SCHAUER.

Bureau requested to advise whether corrections for report, March 20, 1961, which were submitted, make this report suitable for dissemination to Mr. SCHAUER.

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Special Agent in Charge

CC: Wick



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Date: 3-31-61

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Via AIRTEL  
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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2810)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (92-112)

FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, aka;  
ET AL  
AB  
(OO-Springfield)

DAILY AIRTEL

Investigation continuing to locate and interview recent employees of WORTMAN gambling enterprises.

Automobiles of ELMER DOWLING and [REDACTED] at moat residence 3-31-61 and person believed to be FRANK WORTMAN left the residence with the driver of the [REDACTED] Cadillac.

JOHN SCHAUER, Justice Department Attorney, was advised on 3-31-61 of the presence of an individual believed to be FRANK WORTMAN and of DOWLING's automobile at the moat residence 3-31-61. He was also advised of the presence of an individual believed to be FRANK WORTMAN at the moat residence on 3-30-61.

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2 - St. Louis (92-191)  
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Per

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in Charge



Mr. Tolson	_____
Mr. Parsons	_____
Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Bishop	_____
Mr. Callahan	_____
Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
Mr. Evans	_____
Mr. Malone	_____
Mr. Rosen	_____
Mr. Tavel	_____
Mr. Trotter	_____
Mr. W.C. Sullivan	_____
Tele. Room	_____
Mr. Ingram	_____
Miss Gandy	_____

COMMUNICATIONS SECTION

MAR 8 1961

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URGENT 3-8-61 8-51 PM CST DJK

TO DIRECTOR, FBI 92-2810 AND SAC, ST. LOUIS

FROM SAC, SPRINGFIELD 2P

FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, AR. REBUTEL TODAY. WORTMAN AND HIS

NUMEROUS ASSOCIATES OPERATE EXTENSIVELY BOTH IN EAST ST. LOUIS

WHICH IS IN SPRINGFIELD TERRITORY AS WELL AS IN ST. LOUIS.

SPRINGFIELD AND ST. LOUIS DIVISIONS HAVE RECOGNIZED THAT THIS

SITUATION REQUIRES THE MOST RAPID EXCHANGE POSSIBLE OF DATA OF

CURRENT INTEREST AND POSSIBLY PERTINENT TO INVESTIGATION

SIMULTANEOUSLY BEING CONDUCTED BY EITHER DIVISION AND THAT SUCH

INFORMATION SHOULD BE TELEPHONICALLY EXCHANGED BETWEEN THE ST.

LOUIS DIVISION AND THE BELLEVILLE RA TO BE CONFIRMED BY WRITTEN

COMMUNICATION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. SA [REDACTED] OF ST.

LOUIS OBTAINED DATA HE BELIEVED PERTINENT TO ANY SURVEILLANCE

WHICH MIGHT BE UNDERWAY IN THE SPRINGFIELD DIVISION AND UPON

AUTHORIZATION OF HIS SAC TELEPHONICALLY COMMUNICATED THIS DATA

TO SA [REDACTED] AT THE BELLEVILLE RA. NO INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN

TO SA [REDACTED] SINCE DATA WAS FURNISHED BY ST. LOUIS FOR INFORMATION.

UPON RECEIPT OF INFORMATION SA [REDACTED] BELIEVED AN EFFORT SHOULD

BE MADE TO ACT ON IT. SA [REDACTED] WAS ALONE IN THE BELLEVILLE RA.

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SA [REDACTED] IMMEDIATELY ATTEMPTED TO REACH SRA [REDACTED] BY RADIO BUT WAS UNSUCCESSFUL. SA [REDACTED] THEN PUT OUT A RADIO CALL TO ANY SPRINGFIELD CAR IN VICINITY BUT NO SPRINGFIELD CAR IN SERVICE WAS IN RANGE OF RADIO. SA [REDACTED] THEN CONSIDERED ADVISABILITY OF CALLING ST. LOUIS OFFICE FOR HELP IN CONDUCTING SURVEILLANCE BUT DECIDED THIS EFFORT IMPRACTICAL SINCE IT WOULD HAVE TAKEN ANY ST. LOUIS SA A MINIMUM OF FORTYFIVE MINUTES TO REACH VICINITY OF WORTMAN-S MOAT RESIDENCE FROM ST. LOUIS SIDE OF RIVER. SA [REDACTED] DECIDED INFORMATION OF SUFFICIENT IMPORTANCE TO ATTEMPT TO COVER ALONE WHICH HE DID. SA [REDACTED] DID NOT FEEL THAT THE MATTER WARRANTED OBTAINING ANY SPECIFIC INSTRUCTIONS FROM SPRINGFIELD HEADQUARTERS. SINCE SPRINGFIELD HEADQUARTERS UNAWARE OF SA [REDACTED] PROBLEM NO EFFORTS COULD BE MADE TO AFFORD HIM ASSISTANCE OR ADVICE IN THIS MATTER.

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cc Mr. Rosen



Mr. Tolson  
Mr. Parsons  
Mr. Mohr  
Mr. DeLoach  
Mr. Casper  
Mr. Callahan  
Mr. Conrad  
Mr. Felt  
Mr. Gale  
Mr. Rosen  
Mr. Sullivan  
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URGENT 3-8-61 10-19 PM JPH

TO DIRECTOR, FBI AND SAC, SPRINGFIELD

FROM SAC, ST. LOUIS /92-191/ 1P

FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, AR. RE BUREAU TELETYPE THIS DATE.

INFORMATION RECEIVED BY SA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] AT MY

INSTRUCTIONS WAS TELEPHONICALLY FURNISHED TO BELLEVILLE, ILLINOIS, RESIDENT AGENCY BY AGENT [REDACTED] AS CONSIDERED CURRENT PERTINENT INFORMATION OF POSSIBLE INTEREST TO INVESTIGATION BEING CONDUCTED BY SPRINGFIELD. SUCH INFORMATION CONFIRMED TO SPRINGFIELD BY AIRTEL SAME DAY. NO INSTRUCTIONS GIVEN TO BELLEVILLE RESIDENT AGENCY. AGENT TO WHOM INFORMATION FURNISHED NOT ON A SURVEILLANCE AND NO SUBSEQUENT REQUEST MADE OF ST. LOUIS TO PROVIDE ANY ASSISTANCE IN ACTING UPON INFORMATION FURNISHED

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Date: 3-27-61

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TO DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2810)

FROM SAC, SPRINGFIELD (66-1368)

RE: JUNE  
FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, aka, et al  
AR

Re Buairtel, 3-23-61.

This is to assure the Bureau that no indication  
has been given, directly or indirectly to \_\_\_\_\_  
concerning the nature of our interest in the space  
above the Paddock Lounge. *b7c*

For the Bureau's additional information, all  
arrangements relative to cover have been perfected and actual  
installation commencing today, March 27, 1961. It is  
estimated that approximately two weeks will be consumed  
by actual installation.

The Bureau will be kept advised of progress.

EX 101

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1 - Springfield

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CC - Wick

Special Agent in Charge



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EX 101

TO SAC, SPRINGFIELD  
FROM DIRECTOR, FBI

FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, AKA, AR, JUNE. REURAIRTEL MARCH  
TWO SEVEN, LAST. NO FURTHER ACTION SHOULD BE TAKEN WITH  
REFERENCE TO MAKING INSTALLATION AT PADDOCK PENDING  
FURTHER INSTRUCTIONS FROM BUREAU.

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- Mohr \_\_\_\_\_
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Date: 3-30-61

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Via AIRTEL \_\_\_\_\_

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URGENT 3-30-61

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (92-2810)

FROM: SAC, SPRINGFIELD (92-112)

FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, Aka  
AR

DAILY AIRTEL

Observation WORTMAN "moat" residence today reflects 1961 black Cadillac registered to [REDACTED] St. Louis, Mo., at "moat" in AM with two passengers; in PM, 1960 red Olds registered to MELVIN BECKMAN arrived at "moat" with two occupants believed to be MELVIN BECKMAN and GEORGE "STORMY" HARVILL; shortly after Olds arrived, WORTMAN'S 1958 Imperial Chrysler left "moat" believed occupied by BECKMAN and FRANK WORTMAN; Imperial occupied by same two men returned at 3:20 PM; thereafter, individual believed to be FRANK WORTMAN, and BECKMAN and HARVILL talked in front of residence and WORTMAN signed unknown type papers which were then given to individual believed to be BECKMAN and he placed them in his coat pocket. Numerous other unknown individuals at "moat" residence apparently only to go fishing.

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 2 - St. Louis (92-191)  
 4 - Springfield (2- 92-112)  
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Special Agent in Charge

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Date: 3-30-61

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JOHN J. SCHAUER, JR., Department of Justice Attorney, presently in E. St. Louis, handling WORTMAN case contacted today and advised regarding [REDACTED] per Bureau instructions.

THE WORTMANS AND DOWLING SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS IN VIEW OF PAST HISTORY AND IN VIEW OF FACT THEY ALLEGEDLY HAVE CARRIED WEAPONS IN THE PAST.

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Special Agent in Charge



4/3/61

Airtel

SAC, Springfield (92-112)

Director, FBI

FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN

Re your airtel 3/28/61.

Immediately furnish to Departmental Attorney John  
Schuer amended copy of report of SA [REDACTED] 3/20/61.

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U. S. DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE  
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Mr. Mohr	_____
Mr. Belmont	_____
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Mr. Conrad	_____
Mr. DeLoach	_____
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URGENT 3-24-61 6.35 PM-CST RCR

TO DIRECTOR, FBI, AND SAC, ST. LOUIS  
FROM SAC, SPRINGFIELD 92-112 4P

FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, AKA, ET AL, AR. TODAY ASSISTANT  
ATTORNEY GENERAL JOHN SCHAUER REQUESTED SRA [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] TO ATTEND A CONFERENCE CALLED BY HIM AT OFFICE OF  
USA, EDI, EAST ST. LOUIS, ILLINOIS. SA [REDACTED] ATTENDED.

OTHERS PRESENT WERE WILLIAM MC BRIDE AND PAUL KOMIVEZ,  
ALSO ASSISTANT ATTORNEYS GENERAL, AUSA JAMES B. MOSES, EDI,  
EAST ST. LOUIS, ILLINOIS, AND FRANK HUDAK, GROUP SUPERVISOR,  
INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE, STATIONED EAST ST. LOUIS, ILLINOIS.

SCHAUER POINTED OUT THAT PROSECUTION OF WORTMAN AND ADDITIONAL  
SUBJECTS EDWARD WORTMAN, JR., ELMER S. DOWLING, GEORGE FRANKS,  
AND GREGORY E. MOORE TO COME TO TRIAL DURING MAY, NEXT.

SCHAUER SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED THAT FBI FURNISH TO HIM

IMMEDIATELY AND DIRECTLY ON A LOCAL LEVEL ANY INFORMATION  
INDICATING ANY OF THESE SUBJECTS ARE TO FLEE THE COUNTRY  
OR OTHERWISE ABSENT THEMSELVES BEFORE TRIAL. IN ADDITION.

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SCHAUER INDICATED UNVERIFIED INFORMATION AVAILABLE THAT GEORGE FRANKS HAS LEFT ST. LOUIS AND MAY BE IN MEXICO. SPECIFICALLY DESIRES ALL INFORMATION AVAILABLE NOW AND UP TO TRIAL TIME CONCERNING WHEREABOUTS OF FRANKS. SCHAUER ALSO DESIRES SURVEILLANCE BE UNDERTAKEN WORTMAN RESIDENCE, THE MOAT, COLLINSVILLE, ILLINOIS, CONCERNING DAILY ACTIVITIES OF WORTMAN IN ORDER SCHAUER WILL BE IN POSITION TO COMBAT ANY POSSIBLE TACTICS ON PART OF WORTMAN TO DELAY TRIAL BECAUSE OF ILL HEALTH OR OTHER PHYSICAL REASONS. SCHAUER ALSO INDICATED HE BELIEVED IT VITAL THAT HE RECEIVE LOCALLY COPIES OF LAST TWO REPORTS PREPARED BY SPRINGFIELD CONCERNING WORTMAN AND COPIES OF FUTURE REPORTS UP TO AND THROUGH TIME OF TRIAL SO THAT HE WILL HAVE EVERYTHING KNOWN CONCERNING WORTMAN AND ASSOCIATES AVAILABLE TO HIM, AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. SCHAUER STATES REALIZES REPORTS ARE DISSEMINATED TO DEPARTMENT AND EVENTUALLY WILL BE FURNISHED BY DEPARTMENT TO HIM BUT BELIEVES LOCAL EXCHANGE VITAL TO ELIMINATE ALL POSSIBLE TIME

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LAG IN VIEW OF IMMINENCE OF TRIAL. ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL KOMIVEZ ALSO REQUESTED TO BE PERMITTED TO IMMEDIATELY SEE COPY OF LAST REPORT IN WORTMAN CASE CONTAINING INFORMATION CONCERNING TELEPHONIC THREATS MADE BY WORTMAN TO [REDACTED] KOMIVEZ HAS SOME KNOWLEDGE OF THE INCIDENT THROUGH CONTACT WITH DEPARTMENT. RECOMMENDATIONS. IT IS RECOMMENDED SPRINGFIELD BE AUTHORIZED TO IMMEDIATELY FURNISH TO ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL SCHAUER LAST TWO REPORTS IN WORTMAN CASE DATED MARCH THREE AND TWENTY, SIXTYONE. THAT SPRINGFIELD BE AUTHORIZED TO FURNISH SCHAUER ON A LOCAL LEVEL COPY OF EACH FUTURE REPORT ON WORTMAN UP TO AND THROUGH TIME OF TRIAL. THAT SPRINGFIELD BE AUTHORIZED TO FURNISH IMMEDIATELY AND ON A LOCAL LEVEL ANY PERTINENT INFORMATION ASCERTAINED FROM ITS SURVEILLANCE OF WORTMAN-S MOAT RESIDENCE. THAT SPRINGFIELD AND ST. LOUIS BE AUTHORIZED TO FURNISH TO SCHAUER IMMEDIATELY ON A LOCAL LEVEL ANY INFORMATION INDICATING ANY OF SUBJECTS INTEND TO ABSENT SELVES TO AVOID TRIAL. THAT ST. LOUIS BE SPECIFICALLY AUTHORIZED TO FURNISH SCHAUER

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IMMEDIATELY ANY INFORMATION RELATIVE TO WHEREABOUTS OF  
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INVESTIGATION TO DETERMINE WHEREABOUTS AND ADVISE SCHAUER.

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TO: SAC, Springfield

FROM: Director, FBI

FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN  
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Confirming telephonic conversation with you it is desired that all cooperation possible, consistent with the Bureau's jurisdictional limitations, be given to the Departmental Attorneys now at East St. Louis, Illinois, for the purpose of preparing for prosecution the tax case against subject. To this end you should inform the Departmental Attorneys that you will advise them orally just as soon as you receive any information pertinent to this tax case. If time is of the essence you should also inform Departmental Attorneys orally of the results of any investigation conducted by you which is pertinent to the tax case. Advise the Bureau of any requests for investigation and the information furnished to Departmental Attorneys.

In line with the request of Departmental Attorney John Schauer there is no objection to your disseminating to him locally copies of reports in the captioned case dated 3/3/61 and 3/20/61. (You have been instructed to re-write the 3/20/61 report.) This should be done and it should be submitted to the Bureau. After the report has been reviewed you will be advised and thereafter a copy should be forwarded by you to Mr. Schauer. Likewise, any future reports submitted should be forwarded to the Bureau for consideration prior to the time a copy

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**Re: Frank Leonard Wortman**

is disseminated in the field. It is, of course, not necessary to advise Mr. Schauer of this procedure.

While it is also agreeable for you to furnish directly to Mr. Schauer any information indicating that the subjects in the Internal Revenue case scheduled for trial intend to flee the country or otherwise absent themselves before trial, such notification should be predicated upon information developed by you during the course of your normal investigative operations. Any unusual activity to establish such information, as by means of extensive physical surveillance, would appear to be properly the prerogative of the Internal Revenue Service as would any other investigation concerning the issues in the tax case directly.

Promptly disseminate to the Departmental Attorneys a copy of the letterhead memorandum of March 17, 1961 covering the information furnished by [REDACTED] b7c b7D

In view of the imminence of subject's trial you are to discontinue efforts to arrange technical coverage previously authorized until after his trial has concluded.

It is emphasized that the Bureau desires to afford Departmental Attorneys every cooperation possible in the prosecution of subject consistent with our established responsibilities. You should keep the Bureau advised of your contacts with the Departmental representatives in this regard.



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DAILY AIRTEL

Observation WORTMAN "moat" residence today observed two men arrived at 11:29 AM, in a 1961 black Cadillac, recognized as car of [REDACTED] a 1961 white Pontiac also containing 2 men arrived a few seconds later, this car being identical to Pontiac registered to [REDACTED], a member of the WORTMAN organization. b7c

At 12:49 PM, a 1960 white over red Olds, recognized as the car of MELVIN BECKMAN and occupied by two men arrived.

All 3 above cars with their occupants departed a few minutes after 1:00 PM.

The white over red Olds returned at 2:15 PM, with the original 2 occupants plus an additional man and departed at 2:51 PM.

A 1961 white Thunderbird, customarily operated by ELMER DOWLING, arrived at 3:40 PM with one occupant. R

An individual recognized as FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN was observed at the residence during the day.

THE WORTMANS AND DOWLING SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS IN VIEW OF PAST HISTORY AND IN VIEW OF FACT THEY ALLEGEDLY HAVE CARRIED WEAPONS IN THE PAST.

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TO: SAC, SPRINGFIELD  
FROM: DIRECTOR, FBI  
FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN

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Immediately discontinue until further notice efforts to install ~~microphone~~ covering Paddock Lounge.

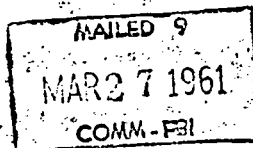
NOTE:

The Paddock Lounge at East St. Louis, Illinois, is the hub of activities of the organization of Wortman, prominent midwest hoodlum. Installation of microphone coverage on this Lounge was authorized by airtel 3/3/61.

Springfield has rented space above Paddock Lounge for this installation but Springfield has not yet advised of its activation.

Information obtained from Department that basis of forthcoming Internal Revenue case against Wortman centers on income derived from operations at the Paddock Lounge. In view of this, further efforts to establish a misur. at this Lounge are discontinued for the present.

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FROM SAC, SPRINGFIELD (92-112)

FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, aka; ET AL  
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DAILY AIRTEL

Observation of WORTMAN's "moat" residence today reflects GEORGE "STORMY" HARVILL at residence during entire day.

Person believed to be [REDACTED] arrived at "moat" 11:00 AM and stayed until 11:39 AM. b7c

Oldsmobile registered to MELVIN BECKMAN arrived at 11:45 AM driven by person resembling BECKMAN and remained until after 4:00 PM.

Person believed to be FRANK WORTMAN observed at house during day.

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For info of Lab, the distance involved is approximately one mile and viewing conditions are normal under existing daily weather conditions. Viewing area is from a farm barn across open fields with no obstructions. On occasion heat or vapor waves coming from the open fields cause some interference, particularly after a rain. Questar telescope appears to be slightly under-powered and on occasions license numbers can be determined but only for a split second when all conditions are exactly favorable; Questar telescope does not enable clear view of facial features of individuals because of lack of power of scope. It is possible that a 100X telescope may be suitable.

The Laboratory is requested to expedite furnishing adequate equipment directly to Belleville RA, 220 N. Illinois St., Belleville, Ill.

THE WORTMANS AND DOWLING SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS IN VIEW OF PAST HISTORY AND IN VIEW OF FACT THEY ALLEGEDLY HAVE CARRIED WEAPONS IN THE PAST.

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For your information a telescope of sufficient power, resolution and field of view to resolve your problem is not available at the present time. However, research is being done on this and as soon as a viewing device is available, you will be informed.

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Reports as mentioned in Buairtels, 4/3/61 and 3/30/61 furnished Department Attorney JOHN J. SCHAUER, East St. Louis, today; SCHAUER also advised regarding observations of subjects WORTMAN and ELMER DOWLING as mentioned in Springfield daily airtels, 4/3/61 through 4/6/61. SCHAUER also advised ELMER DOWLING observed by Agents, East St. Louis, Illinois, today.

Observations, Paddock Lounge, East St. Louis, reflect ELMER DOWLING left Paddock Lounge in p.m. traveling to his home direct. Numerous other members of WORTMAN organization in and around Paddock Lounge today.

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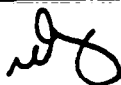
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DAILY AIRTEL

Observation activities, FRANK WORTMAN's residence, today, reflects previously mentioned 1959 black Ford Galaxie with Missouri license and unidentified male passenger present at moat. At 12:11 p.m., 1958 or 1959 black Rambler Station Wagon with Missouri license occupied by one man appearing to be [REDACTED] arrived, and this vehicle left moat 1:50 p.m. by same driver and passenger believed to be FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN. Individuals believed to be MELVIN BECKMAN and GEORGE "STORMY" HARVILL and unidentified white female at moat during p.m. fishing and walking about the premises.

GEORGE "STORMY" HARVILL and three other individuals,  
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Justice Department Attorney JOHN J. SCHAUER has been away from East St. Louis since past weekend and will return end of this week, at which time he will be advised of pertinent activities at WORTMAN residence and be furnished with reports as mentioned in Buairtel, 3/30/61 and 4/3/61.

On 3/31/61, a 1961 Dodge panel truck of the Vita-Cee Juice Company, believed bearing Missouri license, was at moat residence for possible delivery; Vita-Cee Company listed at 4316 Gravois, St. Louis.

St. Louis endeavor to identify driver and interview appropriate individuals at Vita-Cee re visit to moat, 3/31/61.

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TITLE OF CASE  <b>FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN, aka; ELMER SYLVESTER DOWLING, aka; EDWARD WORTMAN, Jr., aka</b>		Report made by <b>SA [REDACTED]</b>	Typed By <b>[REDACTED]</b>
		CHARACTER OF CASE  <b>AR</b>	

## REFERENCE

Report of SA [REDACTED] dated March 3, 1961, at Springfield.

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## LEADS

### ST. LOUIS DIVISION

#### AT ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI

(1) [REDACTED] Discern, identify and determine background and relationship with WORTMAN.

(2) Will maintain close contact with [REDACTED] for all information developed re WORTMAN and associates.

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(3) Will also remain in contact with all other informants and sources who are able to furnish information re WORTMAN organization.

SPRINGFIELD DIVISION

It is noted that all leads in the Springfield Division are being assigned and handled on a current basis. Emphasis is being placed on development of sources and informants and the development of highly confidential techniques. Specific leads are not being set out herein.

It is noted that leads to auxiliary offices where pertinent are also set out on a daily basis in the daily airtel.

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St. Louis, Missouri

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Wabash Drilling Company  
7649 Delmar Boulevard,  
St. Louis, Missouri

Security Products,  
2225 DeKalb Street  
St. Louis, Missouri

Aluminum products

Massachusetts Electrical  
12402 Juniper Road,  
Dallas, Texas

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Winger Construction Co.  
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The three local authorities who would have jurisdiction in local violations reflected in the above would be the East St. Louis Police, St. Clair County States Attorney, and Sheriff's Office. The Bureau is well aware of the unreliable nature of these departments.

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ADMINISTRATIVE DATA

It is to be noted that surveillances identified a number of license numbers in association with subjects of this case. A number of these license numbers have been previously identified, and a check is being made against these numbers. Appropriate leads have been set or will be set to identify license numbers not previously known.

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UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF J  
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## Copy to:

## Report of:

SA [REDACTED] b7c

Office: Springfield

## Date:

March 20, 1961

Field Office File #: SI 92-112

Bureau File #: 92-2810

## Title:

FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN;  
ELMER SYLVESTER DOWLING;  
EDWARD WORTMAN, Jr.

## Character:

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## Synopsis:

Information re activities and contacts of WORTMAN and DOWLING set forth. Gambling activities closed and Illinois State Police have orders to assure that they remain closed. Additional efforts to identify oil property in Kentucky set forth. THE WORTMANs AND DOWLING SHOULD BE CONSIDERED ARMED AND DANGEROUS IN VIEW OF PAST HISTORY AND IN VIEW OF FACT THEY ALLEGEDLY HAVE CARRIED WEAPONS IN THE PAST.

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A. PERSONAL HISTORY

On March 3, and 7, 1961 photographs were made of the residence of ELMER DOWLING, also photographs were made of the moat property, and the residence of EDWARD WORTMAN. It should be noted these photographs were taken with a speedgraphic camera and also a .35 millimeter camera using color film.



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Date March 6, 1961

Observation of the residence of FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN on February 27, 1961, observed a 1960 Oldsmobile two-door hardtop, red with a white top in color, arrive at the WORTMAN residence at 12:15 P.M. This car bore 1961 Illinois license CD6514 and is registered to M. J. BECKMAN, 103 East Pleasant Ridge Road, Collinsville, Illinois.

At 1:15 P.M. February 27, 1961, a 1958 gray Imperial 4-door, Illinois 1961 license 197231, registered to the Plaza Amusement Incorporated, 429 St. Louis Avenue, East St. Louis, Illinois, arrived at the residence.

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by SA [REDACTED] Date dictated 3/2/61



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Date March 7, 1961

Observation of the FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN residence, Caseyville Township, February 28, 1961, disclosed the following activities:

At 9:10 A.M. the following automobiles were present, parked adjacent to the residence:

1958 green and cream Ford two-door hardtop,  
property of [REDACTED]  
1947 green Chevrolet pickup truck, 1961  
Illinois license [REDACTED]  
1958 gray Imperial four-door, 1961 Illinois  
license 197231, registered to Plaza Amusement  
Company, 429 St. Louis Avenue, East St. Louis, Illinois;  
Blue and white 1959 Plymouth stationwagon, 1960  
Tennessee license [REDACTED]  
Blue and white 1957 Plymouth two-door hardtop,  
1961 Illinois license LP2970, registered to  
SYLVIA SHREVE, 429 St. Louis Avenue, East St.  
Louis, Illinois.

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At 10:00 A.M. a black 1961 Cadillac four-door  
arrived at the residence, bearing Missouri license [REDACTED]

At 10:20 A.M. the 1959 Plymouth stationwagon,  
1960 Tennessee license [REDACTED], occupied by a man, a woman and  
a child with clothes hanging in the back of the car, departed.

At 11:30 A.M. the black 1961 Cadillac four-door,  
Missouri license [REDACTED] departed. This car is registered  
to [REDACTED]

At 11:31 A.M. the 1957 Plymouth, Illinois license  
LP2970 departed.

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At 12:45 P.M. a 1961 blue Chevrolet four-door, 1961  
Illinois license [REDACTED] occupied by one man, arrived.

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This car is registered to [REDACTED]

At 12:55 P.M. the 1958 green and cream Ford departed.

At 12:55 P.M. the 1958 Imperial, 1961 Illinois license 197231, departed, occupied by one man with a large flushy face.

At 12:57 P.M. the 1957 Plymouth, 1961 Illinois license LP2970, returned to the residence occupied by two women.

At 1:15 P.M. the 1961 Chevrolet, Illinois 1961 license [REDACTED] departed.

At 1:30 P.M. the 1958 Ford green and cream returned to the residence and departed again at 1:39 P.M.

At 1:50 P.M. the four or five dogs apparently belonging at the residence began barking and continued to do so until 2:40 P.M. The reason for their barking was not apparent. b7c

At 2:22 P.M. the 1957 Plymouth, 1961 Illinois license LP2970 departed occupied by one woman.

At 3:35 P.M. a 1961 black Oldsmobile two-door hardtop arrived occupied by one man, 1961 Illinois license [REDACTED]. This car is registered to [REDACTED]

At 3:50 P.M. the 1957 Plymouth, 1961 Illinois license LP2970 returned to the residence occupied by one woman and a teen-age boy carrying school books.

At 4:02 P.M. a 1957 black Buick two-door, Illinois license [REDACTED] occupied by one man arrived at the residence. This car is registered to [REDACTED]

At 4:04 P.M. the teen-age boy emerged from the house, entered the green Chevrolet pickup and drove all over the place racing the motor and continued to do this until 4:15 P.M.

At 4:05 P.M. a 1961 black Oldsmobile two-door, 1961 Illinois license [REDACTED] departed from the residence occupied by



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the man who arrived in it as well as a woman.

At 4:10 P.M. the 1957 black Buick two-door, 1961 Illinois license [REDACTED] departed. b7c

At 4:37 P.M. the 1957 Plymouth, 1961 Illinois license LP2970, occupied by one woman, departed.

At 5:30 P.M. observation was discontinued.



Date March 7, 1961

On March 1, 1961, the residence of FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN was observed:

At 9:00 A.M. a 1947 green Chevrolet pickup truck, 1961 Illinois license [REDACTED] and a 1957 Plymouth, 1961 Illinois license LP2970 were parked near the house.

At 9:35 A.M. a light green 1953 Ford two-door, 1961 Illinois license [REDACTED] arrived occupied by one man.

[REDACTED] At 9:42 A.M. this car departed with one man occupant.

At 10:22 A.M. a woman believed to be SYLVIA SHREVE appeared on foot with three or four dogs along the northern boundary of the WORTMAN property and loitered in the area for approximately 40 minutes apparently attempting to obtain the license number of the automobile parked in the [REDACTED] yard.

At 11:03 A.M. the 1953 Ford, 1961 Illinois license [REDACTED] occupied by one man, returned to the residence.

At 11:04 A.M. a green Sinclair Oil Truck, license number and dealer's name not readable, arrived at residence and departed at 11:08 A.M.

At 11:06 A.M. a woman believed to be SYLVIA SHREVE returned to the house on foot.

At 12:00 noon the 1957 Plymouth, 1961 Illinois license LP2970 departed.

At 12:30 P.M. a 1961 black Cadillac which apparently had been in the garage and not previously visible

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departed rapidly.

At 1:11 P.M. a 1961 blue Chevrolet four-door occupied by one man, 1961 Illinois license [REDACTED] arrived at the residence. This car is registered to [REDACTED]

At 1:12 P.M. the 1953 light green Ford, 1961 Illinois license [REDACTED] departed.

At 1:45 P.M. the 1958 gray Imperial, 1961 Illinois license 197231 arrived at the residence. This car is registered to Plaza Amusement Incorporated, 429 St. Louis Avenue, East St. Louis, Illinois.

At 1:49 P.M. the 1957 Plymouth, 1961 Illinois license LP2970, passed the [REDACTED] residence from a southerly direction occupied by one woman who slowed down and looked into the [REDACTED] yard. At 1:50 P.M. the same car returned from a northerly direction, slowed down and looked into the [REDACTED] yard. b7C

At 1:51 P.M. the 1961 Chevrolet, 1961 Illinois license [REDACTED] departed from the residence.

At 1:54 P.M. the 1957 Plymouth, 1961 Illinois license LP2970 arrived at the residence.

At 2:05 P.M. the woman who was driving the above-mentioned Plymouth was observed looking out the window of the WORTMAN residence.

At 2:49 P.M. the 1958 gray Imperial, 1961 Illinois license 197231 departed from the residence occupied by one person.

At 3:34 P.M. the 1958 gray Imperial, 1961 Illinois license 197231 passed the [REDACTED] residence from the south occupied by two people. The car slowed down and the people looked intently into the [REDACTED] yard.

At 3:39 P.M. this Imperial arrived at the WORTMAN residence occupied by two people. One of whom was apparently a teen-age boy with school books.



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At 3:40 P.M. a 1961 black Cadillac arrived at the residence occupied by one man. This car departed at 3:47 P.M.

At 3:50 P.M. a teen-age boy came out of the house, entered the Chevrolet pickup truck and drove it around the place a rapid rate until 3:58 P.M. when he parked the truck and entered the house.

At 3:52 P.M. an individual believed to be FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN came out of the house and looked intently toward the [REDACTED] residence, re-entering the house at 3:53 P.M. b7c

Observations were discontinued at 4:07 P.M.



Date March 15, 1961

Observation at the Moat residence of FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN on 3/2/61 was maintained and a 1955 dark blue and white Oldsmobile 2-door bearing '61 Illinois license [REDACTED] was seen to enter the property on 3/2/61 and was later seen to leave the residence.

It was determined that this license plate is registered to [REDACTED] b7c

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## FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION

Date March 6, 1961

Observation of the lane leading to the residence of FRANK LEONARD WORTMAN on March 2, 1961, disclosed the following automobiles going to and from WORTMAN'S residence:

At 11:30 A.M. the following cars were present at the residence:

- A 1961 white Ford Thunderbird;
- A 1961 light gray or white Cadillac, 4-door;
- A 1953 light green Ford 2-door;
- A 1947 green Chevrolet pickup truck;
- A 1958 gray Imperial 4-door.

At 12:34 P.M. the 1953 light green Ford two-door departed occupied by [REDACTED]

At 1:08 P.M. a 1955 dark blue and white Oldsmobile two-door occupied by one person, arrived with 1961 Illinois license [REDACTED]. This car departed at 1:10 P.M. still with one occupant.

At 1:12 P.M. the 1961 white or light gray Cadillac four-door departed occupied by one man and having 1961 Illinois license [REDACTED] b7c

At 2:34 P.M. the 1961 white Thunderbird departed and had Illinois 1961 license [REDACTED]

At 2:55 P.M. a 1960 white over red Oldsmobile two-door hardtop arrived occupied by one man and having 1961 Illinois license [REDACTED]. This car departed at 3:30 P.M. still with one male occupant.

At 3:40 P.M. a 1957 blue and white Plymouth two-door hardtop, 1961 Illinois license LP2970, arrived occupied by two people appearing to be SYLVIA and a teen-age boy.

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At 4:03 P.M. and again at 4:09 P.M. the 1947 green Chevrolet pickup, being driven by the boy, came out the lane to the road, turned around and re-entered the lane.

At 4:14 PM. a 1957 blue and white Plymouth two-door, 1961 Illinois license LP2970 departed with two occupants.

At 4:30 P.M. the 1955 light green Ford two-door occupied by two men with Illinois 1961 license [REDACTED] arrived.

At 4:31 P.M. the 1957 blue and white Plymouth arrived with two occupants, Illinois 1961 license LP2970.

At 4:32 P.M. the 1955 light green Ford two-door with two occupants, Illinois 1961 license [REDACTED] departed and went to the residence of [REDACTED]

At 4:54 P.M. the 1958 gray Imperial four-door, occupied by two persons departed.

At 5:03 P.M. a 1955 white over orange Buick station wagon occupied by one person, license number not visible, arrived. This car departed at 5:10 P.M. with one occupant.

At 5:25 P.M. the observations were discontinued.